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SEVEN PROOFS OF THE TRUE CHURCH

WHERE is the one and only true Church today — the Church founded by Jesus Christ in A.D. 31? Seven major eye-opening proofs identify it unmistakably.

The first four proofs of the true Church appeared in the Nov. 20 *Good News*. This installment continues with Proof No. 5.

By Herbert W. Armstrong

PROOF NO. 5

THE TRUE GOSPEL

Could anything sound more unbelievable? To say the true Gospel of Jesus Christ was not proclaimed to the world during 19 whole centuries — from the middle of the first century until the middle of the 20th — may sound preposterous!

Incredible! But TRUE! The world has heard much preaching about Jesus Christ as a person. That is well — but the Gospel of Christ is the MESSAGE Christ proclaimed and taught.

Jesus Himself said that many would come in His name — claiming to represent Him — saying that He, Jesus, is the Christ — and deceiving the MANY (Matthew 24:4-5).

Good news proclaimed. But the Gospel of Jesus Christ is the good news — the message He proclaimed and taught.

The word *gospel* means GOOD NEWS. Jesus brought the good news of the world's ONLY and SURE HOPE! And I do not mean an ethical, spiritual, or social hope. He brought the good news of a coming conflict over and over world A.D. 27 when the earth will be filled with PEACE, HAPPINESS, JOY, and ETERNAL SALVATION!

God's one original true Church is virtually alone in proclaiming *the good news today*! Jesus was the world's first NEWSMASTER — a FORECASTER, with news for the future — of our generation near the end of the 20th century — when all the world's problems shall be solved, and its evils eradicated! He taught His apostles from the fall of A.D. 27 to the spring of A.D. 31. Yet by about A.D. 53 to 58, that good news of the world's ONLY HOPE had been suppressed

by powerful world forces!

True Gospel SUPPRESSED!

What was that Gospel message? One of the proofs that identifies God's one true Church in our time is the fact that as Jesus foretold, His Church would, at this crisis end time, be proclaiming that same Gospel at last!

But first, notice what was written in the book of Galatians around A.D. 53 to 58 to the churches in Galatia.

"I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel. Which is not another, but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ." (Galatians 1:6-7)

Again, for the work of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and wickedness of men who by their wickedness suppress the TRUTH (Romans 1:18, Revised Standard Version).

No wonder we read of the Devil and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world (Revelation 12:9).

Gospel prophesied

The prophet Malachi lived among the Jewish colony that had been sent to Jerusalem out of the captivity in the ancient lands of Babylon and Medo Persia to build the second temple. Malachi wrote about a generation after Zerubbabel, Ezra and Nehemiah. He wrote about 197 B.C.

This is important, because his writings reached only a small portion of Judah, and none of Israel (the "lost" 10 tribes). Yet Malachi's prophecy is addressed to Israel, not the minimal Jewish colony among whom he lived. It never reached Israel of those days — hence it is a prophecy for ISRAEL (not Judah or the Israelites of today). It is a NOW message! The prophet Malachi foretold

the proclamation of the Gospel, saying, "... the Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple, even the messenger of the Covenant." (Malachi 3:4)

Jesus Christ was that Messenger of the new covenant. Actually Malachi here is referring to the two appearances of Christ on earth — but verses 2 to 6 definitely refer to His yet-future second coming.

Yet, he did refer also (in verse 1) to Christ's first coming, because this prophecy is quoted in Mark 1:1. "The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, as it is written in the prophets. Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, which shall prepare thy way before thee." (Mark 1:1-2)

Actually, this latter statement applies to both Jesus appearing more than 1,900 years ago and to preparing the way before His second coming in power and glory as work to return. The latter is now being prepared from within the one true Church of God! That is another evidence of its identity!

However, in Mark 1, the account continues describing John the baptist preparing the way before His first appearing then, verses 14-15. "Now after that John was put in prison, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God, and saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent ye, and believe the gospel." (emphasis added)

Gospel of the coming Kingdom

The Gospel Jesus brought from God (proclaimed and taught) His apostles was the prophetic message of the coming kingdom of God.

Jesus went all over the Holy Land teaching this same Gospel. "And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their

synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom" (Matthew 4:23).

He taught in parables about the kingdom of God. Jesus said, "Unto what is the kingdom of God like? It is like a grain of mustard seed." (Luke 13:18-19). Again, the kingdom of God "is like leaven." (Luke 13:21).

"Again, 'There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when ye shall see Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, and all the prophets, in the kingdom of God, and you yourselves thrust out.'" (Luke 13:28)

Jesus sent His 12 disciples out to proclaim the kingdom. "And he sent them to preach the kingdom of God, and to heal the sick." (Luke 9:2)

He sent another 70 disciples out on a special mission. "The Lord appointed other seventy also, and sent them two and two into every city and place, whether he himself would come."

And he said unto them: "heal the sick that are therein, and say unto them, The kingdom of God is come nigh unto you." (Luke 10:1-9)

After His resurrection, Jesus appeared unto the apostles whom he had chosen — being seen of them forty days, and speaking of the things pertaining to (concerning) the kingdom of God (Acts 1:2-3).

The apostles proclaimed the Gospel of the kingdom of God. Philip, who became an evangelist, proclaimed it. But when they believed, Philip preaching the things concerning the kingdom of God. (Acts 8:12)

Gospel proclaimed to gentiles

The apostle Paul proclaimed the kingdom of God to the gentiles. "And now, behold, I know that ye all among whom I have gone preaching the kingdom of

God, shall see my face no more." (Acts 20:25)

Again, Paul "expounded and testified the kingdom of God" (Acts 28:23) and "preaching the kingdom of God" (verse 31).

To the Corinthian church Paul wrote, "Now thus I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God." (1 Corinthians 15:50)

To the Galatians Paul wrote, "But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed." (Galatians 1:8). And in verse 9 it was made a DOUBLE CURSE to preach any other Gospel!

Yet THAT GOSPEL was suppressed about or just past the middle of the first century and was not again proclaimed to the world until 1953 — 19 centuries later — and THEN by the present living generation of that same ONE and ONLY true original Church of God established by Jesus Christ A.D. 31!

The proclaiming of that only true Gospel message taught by Jesus identifies the one and only true Church of God TODAY!

What is the Kingdom of God?

Traditional Christianity has not proclaimed that Gospel when the Bible is replete with passages showing that was the Gospel Jesus preached. How do they explain remaining in the Roman Catholic church simply claim that their church IS the Kingdom of God? It is not generally realized that the pope's title "Vicar of Christ" means literally in place of Christ. Not one secretly serving Christ but one who has taken Christ's place.

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But the pope and all Catholics are "Deaf and blind," and flesh and blood cannot inherit or enter into the Kingdom of God!

Many Protestant churches have simply designated the Kingdom of God as "the church" — in general, not necessarily their particular denomination.

Others have spoken of the (See SEVEN PROOFS, page 41)

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IS CHRIST STARTING A SECOND CHURCH?

By Herbert W. Armstrong
HOW MANY CHURCHES does God have at one and the same time?

The dissidents following a MAN, Garner Ted Armstrong, are now speaking out of both sides of their mouths. They know that God condemns leaving God's Church and following a MAN. So, in an effort to take members away from God's Church, actually (100) false claims are being spread.

1) They are spreading the lie that Garner Ted Armstrong is only doing the same thing his father did. ... SIMPLY claiming I left the "Sardis" church to pull away their members and so start a church of my own. The long article recently appearing in "How the Worldwide Church of God Came into Being" (GWN, Nov. 6), ought to state THAT LIE!

a) I did not leave them. I have never been a member of them. b) I continued working alternately with their two main divisions, Stanberry, Mo. and Salem, W. Va. I was still working with them in 1945 (2 years after the present Philadelphia era came into being, 1933). Note that in this he concedes the seven churches of Revelation 2 and 3 were continuous eras as well as seven continuous conditions in the one Church.

2) Again they admit the successive eras depicted in Revelation 2 and 3, claiming that my son is now starting the "144,000" era of the Church. But God does not start His Church in any era of it by one's disobedience or leaving a division, sowing the seeds of discord among brethren and then attacking God's Church.

and trying to draw away its members after him, on pretext of being a convert — when those few are only following a MAN. It is NOT a Church! It has no apostle, evangelist-pastor-elder organization. It is NOT proclaiming Christ's Gospel into all the world for a witness unto all nations! It is a MAN, with one or two working with him, merely seeking to take away members of God's true Church.

3) Then they speak out of the other side of their mouths. I am grieved to say. This time, they say Revelation 2 and 3 do NOT portray seven SUCCESSIVE stages or eras of the one true Church. Apparently they try to explain, or twist its true meaning, by saying seven is God's number of completeness. Therefore there are now MANY churches, as Roman Catholic, Methodist, Baptist, etc. — all of which COMBINED constitute the BODY OF CHRIST. Anyone who believes that had, perhaps, better get into one of them or follow a man who has incorporated himself to be a church. But a legal corporation does not make a church out of it!

It might be interesting, at this point to explain the TOTAL DIFFERENCE between what Garner Ted is now doing and what his father did in 1930.

He may incorporate under a civil law, under a human name as a society. This was done to try to draw away members from the true Church to follow him.

The Oregon Conference

But what his father did was totally different. In Oregon a number of members of the Church of God, Seventh Day, headquartered at Stanberry, Mo. pulled out and incorporated

themselves separately as the Oregon Conference of the Church of God. They became a SEPARATE CHURCH, operating with their own rules, directing and paying salary to their own ministers. They were ORGANIZED. They did not understand God's form of organization — they had no apostle, but they did employ evangelists — as Robert L. Taylor, Roy Daily and myself — and later, Sven Oberg and A. J. Ray. Their form of organization was a board of trustees, with a president, vice president and secretary-treasurer. The board was in authority — not the ministers.

Shortly after the Oregon Conference separately incorporated, a division occurred in the Stanberry church and approximately half of their members followed Andrew N. Dugger into a new church based at Salem, W. Va., and named, simply, "Church of God."

In August of 1933, I renounced the salary from the Oregon Conference but did not leave their fellowship. In fact, later that August a new church was established at Lewis schoolhouse, 12 miles west of Eugene, all but one family my own new converts and that family not attached to either Sardis group.

BUT more must of the Oregon Conference members began coming to Eugene to fellowship with the new Radio Church of God (now the Worldwide Church of God), and I continued as a voluntary service to preach Sabbath afternoons at the schoolhouse near Jefferson while they met. I never sought to pull away any of their members. They were enamored

with the new Salem-based church, and a little later — (not too sure of the date) probably 1934, while the Radio Church of God was on the air and *The Plain Truth* being published — they abandoned their Oregon Conference and went to with Salem.

Parent Church grows

At, and just west of Eugene, the parent church of the Worldwide Church of God was very much alive and growing. I was leading elder, and I had appointed and ordained an assistant pastor and a deacon. We counseled seriously on the matter and decided, in early or mid-1934, not to go in with the Salem people — and we had never gone in with Stanberry. However, a little later I agreed to cooperate and work with the Salem ministers. And under this arrangement I continued as pastor of the members who formerly were the Oregon Conference but now were joined with Salem. ... ANY OF THE EUGENE MEMBERS ever joined the Stanberry church — or Stanberry. I received no salary or compensation of any kind from them. On my part was a VOLUNTARY GIVING of time and effort and cooperation with no remuneration of any kind.

Later — it was either 1943 or 1947 — probably the latter — the former Oregon Conference members had a division. I had ordained two elders and two deacons in their local church near Jefferson, which I pastored. Half of them — including one elder, a Mr. Davidson, and Mr. Henson — refused to meet with them further, though I urged them to remain with the Salem people.

Meanwhile about half of all the brethren in the Willamette

Valley had remained with Stanberry. They asked me urgently to unite them with the half of the Salem people who had refused to remain with the Dugger group. For a while I refused. But I left only a small membership still with the Dugger division, and I finally agreed to organize them and serve as their pastor — although the Stanberry brethren kept their membership and sent tithes to Stanberry, while the Henson family and others, including the Coles, counted their membership with the parent church of the Worldwide Church of God — and Mr. C. Wayne Cole is still with us in the very important capacity of director of ministerial services.

I continued to pastor the Stanberry based group up the Willamette Valley until probably in 1942, when I spent some months in Hollywood starting the DAILY radio broadcasting and speaking Sunday afternoons in a packed house at the Hillmore theater. I had given them my time and services freely at my own and Eugene church expense. I sought none of their members and none came with us, though as brethren we still had love one for the other.

Incorporation becomes necessary

And I did not start out by incorporating myself, pretending to be a church. We in the growing Church of God — then Eugene based — finally had grown to a size where incorporation became a necessity. It was I, Garner Ted doing as his father did, and any claim that he is a point blank lie related to the true God's people and present the (the SECOND CHURCH, page 8)

ANSWERING SMEAR STORIES

By Herbert W. Armstrong
Since 1972 God's Church and Work have come in for some unfavorable publicity in the public press.

Jesus said: "If they have persecuted me, they will persecute you." I counted this cost almost 37 years ago, when I paid my life for what ever it was worth (which was less than nothing in my estimation as I gave it) to the wonderful Christ who had bought me (and soul) with His life's blood. I was willing to suffer whatever He allowed.

And I have tried not to answer back. You have not heard or read a word from me to self defend since this ugly publicity began appearing in 1972. First it was that there had been persecutions, oppositions and some limited public comment of an unfavorable nature.

But recently more defamatory stories have appeared in the pub-

lic press, some of a nature I simply cannot let go unanswered.

One, which went out over the wires to many newspapers and news magazines called Mr. Stanley Rader the "best apparent" and another speaks of speculation that he will be the next pastor general of the Church. This latter, in a national magazine, quotes my son Garner Ted as saying that Mr. Rader has already succeeded my father as head of the Church.

I want to say 1) that Mr. Rader is a most valuable assistant to me in many ways — even beyond the capacity of words to describe as a personal assistant and adviser, as administrator in such delegated to him, as financial adviser to the Church and Work, and as legal counsel teamed with Mr. Ralph Helge. There have been dozens of lawsuits filed against the critics, the Church and often including myself, in trampled up cases seeking to get money. Mr. Rader and Mr. Helge have won every suit — like a shield against

unjust attacks upon God's Work and few if any of our brethren have known of this INVASION and service to God's Work.

2) Mr. Rader has worked tirelessly much more than eight hours a day in the service of the Work. He has suffered shameful defamation from within the Church (mostly emanating from Garner Ted) yet has remained loyal to the best interest of all personal relationships in Beverly Hills (I still find similar areas to devote himself wholly and exclusively to God's Work as my assistant. He never takes credit for accomplishment, but always gives full credit to me as Christ's apostle.

3) Mr. Rader is not even mentioned now, but he has been in the past completely overshadowed by him — yet my son has rep resented to the public press that he has already become head of the Work. All that is ridiculous, named at harrising God's Work.

Yesterday I received a letter from Mr. Rader, at the moment

in New York, saying his health is not up to par and all this stress and strain is wearing on him, and he feels that probably he should resign. He wants to talk it over with me on his return this weekend. If his health permits I shall plead with him to stay with me for a NEED HIM AS MY ASSISTANT! He is of incalculable value to the Work. His fruits have been good — actually so people.

But the most of this Church is the living Jesus Christ! Some times I have to wonder if some of our brethren forget that JESUS CHRIST IS ALIVE! This is NOT the work of men — not a worldly carnal organization or institution! I have had great difficulty in per suading some's even in high places in the Work (no longer with us), to realize that truth!

And on the human level Christ is using me. His apostle, as human leader of the Work. And, these past six months, Christ has through me moved

swiftly, dynamically, resolutely and with authority to turn God's Church the Work and the college around — putting every phase of it BACK ON GOD'S TRACK.

I think that the leadership of Christ's apostle has amply demonstrated for all to see, what is the human leader in God's Work under Christ. Mr. Rader makes my persecutions of anything less than what my son has been saying in the public press. I re gretfully say to you, in his per sistent spite, antagonism and effort at self justification.

This year's Feast of Tabernacles was revealing (present to all) that God's Church has turned the corner. Christ's blessing is once again upon us — the Work is now surging forward with renewed vitality and power!

Let us praise the great MAJESTIC GOD! He is a miracle and wonder worker. Jesus Christ is IN this Church, directing and engineering — AND WE MUST KEEP PRAYING!

SEVEN PROOFS of THE TRUE CHURCH

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Kingdom of God as an ethereal something (of nothing) "set up in men's hearts."

But none of those square with the teaching of Christ and of Paul about what IS the Kingdom of God.

The prophet Daniel knew

The prophet Daniel, who lived 600 years before Christ, knew that the Kingdom of God was a real kingdom — a government ruling over literal people on the earth.

Jesus Christ brought additional knowledge about it, which the prophet Daniel might not have known. Still, Daniel knew there was going to be a real, literal Kingdom of God on the earth.

Daniel was one of four extraordinary, intelligent and brilliant Jewish lads in the Judean captivity. These four men were stationed in the palace of King Nebuchadnezzar of the Chaldean Empire, in training for special responsibilities in the Babylonian government. Daniel was a prophet who had been given special understanding in visions and dreams (Daniel 1-17).

Nebuchadnezzar was the first real world ruler. He had conquered a vast empire, including the nation Judah. His king had a dream so impressive it troubled him — moved him to tremendous concern. He demanded that his magicians, astrologers and sorcerers tell him both what he had dreamed and what it meant. They

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could not. They were baffled. Then Daniel was brought before the king. Daniel disregarded any mortal human ability to interpret dreams than the Chaldean magicians. He said there is a GOD in heaven that reveals secrets, and quickly known to the king. Nebuchadnezzar what shall be in the latter days. (Daniel 2:28)

First, God's purpose was to reveal to this world-ruling human king that there is a GOD in heaven that can do so much more over all nations, governments and kings, than God can do for a nation. Even though, during the past 6,000 years, God has allowed nations proudly to be left altogether to their own devices. But God was giving Nebuchadnezzar a special opportunity to accept God's rule.

This Chaldean king knew only about the many pagan deities which he knew nothing of the true living God. He knew the people and rulers even today, he did not know that God is the living God, active, living, and controlling phenomena, who actually and literally governs the earth, and the universe (1 Peter 4:13).

The whole purpose of this message was to reveal to a government the fact that God is the RULER of the earth.

KINGDOM OF GOD — the very thing that is the one and ONLY GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST! And, secondly, to reveal — preserved in writing for us TODAY — what is to happen "in the latter days" — probably within the next two decades — THIS LAST HALF OF THE 20TH CENTURY!

For US, today!

This is no dry, dull, dead writing for a people of 2,500 years ago.

"... God's purpose was to reveal to this world-ruling human king that there is a GOD in heaven — that GOD IS SUPREME RULER over all nations, governments and kings..."

This is LIVING, TREMENDOUS, BIG NEWS for OUR DAY! It is advance news for us, NOW. News before it happens — of the most colossal event of all earth's history certain to occur in your lifetime — during the very next few years!

This is the TRUE GOSPEL! It is the very Gospel Christ preached! It is intended for you and me TODAY! It is vital that you understand!

Read, in your own Bible, verses 28 through 35. In his dream, this king had seen a stupendous statue — larger than any image or statue ever built by man — so tremendous it was terrifying, even in a dream. Its head was of fine gold, its breast and arms of silver, the belly and thighs of brass, legs of solid iron, feet and toes a mixture of iron and clay.

as the MOST HIGH Ruler over all.

People today, like this Chaldean king, seem not to think of God as a RULER — as the Supreme One who GOVERNS — as the Head of GOVERNMENT. The Eternal was revealing Himself through Daniel to Nebuchadnezzar — and through the Bible to you and to me TODAY — as a SOVEREIGN, ALL POWERFUL, GOVERNING GOD who is to be obeyed!

This knowledge is another PROOF of the modern identity of God's one true Church!

"Thou," continued Daniel to this human emperor, "art this head of gold. And after thee shall arise another KINGDOM inferior to thee, and another third KINGDOM of brass, which shall bear rule over all the earth" (verses 38-39).

What IS a kingdom?

Notice! This is speaking of KINGDOMS. It is referring to kingdoms that bear rule over the people on earth. It is speaking of governments. It is not speaking of churches. It is speaking of the kind of GOVERNMENTS that bear rule and authority over nations of people here on earth. It is literal. It is specific. There is no misunderstanding here, as to what is meant by the word "KINGDOM."

There is no misunderstanding the interpretation that gives His own interpretation through the prophet Daniel. The great metallic image represented national and international GOVERNMENTS — real, literal KINGDOMS.

It represented a succession of world-ruling governments. First was the head of gold. That represented Nebuchadnezzar and his kingdom, the Chaldean Empire. After him — later in time sequence — was to come a second then a third kingdom, which shall bear rule over all the earth — world empire!

Then, verse 40, the legs of iron represent a fourth world empire. It was to be strong even as iron is stronger — stronger militarily than its predecessors. Yet as silver is less valuable than gold, brass than silver, iron than brass, though each metal was harder and stronger, the succession would determine morally and spiritually. The two legs were the fourth empire would be divided.

After the Chaldean Empire came the still larger Persian Empire, then the Greek-Macedonian and fourth the Roman Empire. It was divided with a capital — Rome and Constantinople.

Now, verse 44: "Read of this your Bible. See in which your own eyes of your own Bible. Here is the plain statement in God's plan of what the succession of 1960-11.

And in the days of these

kings... It is here speaking of the 10 toes, part of iron and part of brittle clay. This, by connecting the prophecy with Daniel 7 and Revelation 13 and 17, is referring to the new UNITED STATES OF EUROPE, which is now forming, out of the European Common Market, before your very eyes! Revelation 13:2 makes plain the detail that it shall be a union of 10 KINGS OR KINGDOMS that (Revelation 17:8) shall re-

surrect the medieval "HOLY ROMAN EMPIRE."

So, mark carefully the time element! "In the days of these kings" — in the days of these 10 nations or groups of nations that shall, IN OUR TIME, resurrect briefly the Roman Empire — notice what shall happen!

"... shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever!"

Yes, in OUR TIME!

Now here we have described FOUR universal world empires — the only four that ever existed! Revelation 17 shows that after the fall of the original Roman Empire there would be seven re-ivals that would be ruled over by a gentile emperor — the "daughter" of ancient Babylon — a church, claiming to be Christian, but a truly named by God "MYSTERY BABYLON THE GREAT" — or, more plainly, a NYOMAN MYSTERY!

Six of those have come and gone. The seventh is now forming — the last (and brief) resurrection of the Holy Roman Empire — by 10 European groups of nations (these are the 10 toes of iron and clay mixed). In their days — and they shall last but a very short space, possibly no more than two to 35 years — shall the GOD OF HEAVEN SET UP A KINGDOM.

This then shall be the KINGDOM OF GOD! Compare with Revelation 17. Here is pictured a church that

GOVERNMENTS OF THIS WORLD! She "sat on" (Revelation 17:3) all seven of these resurrections of the Roman Empire — called the "Holy Roman Empire." She RULED over the human kingdoms — as a common-law and unmarried "wife" — ruling her paramour "husband" — a totally unnatural and ungodly relationship.

She is, therefore, to "fall on" this last "head of the Beast" — this final resurrection of the Roman Empire. It will be a union of church and state. It is to endure but a very short time. It is to FIGHT AGAINST CHRIST at HIS SECOND COMING! That will be the END.

We see it in process of rising now. Therefore we are close to the coming of Christ! We are now very near the END of this world!

When Christ comes, He is coming as KING of kings, ruling the whole earth (Revelation 19:11-16), and HIS KINGDOM — the KINGDOM OF GOD — said Daniel is to consume all these worldly kingdoms.

Revelation 11:15 states it in these words: "The kingdoms of this world are becoming the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign for ever and ever!"

This is the KINGDOM OF GOD. It is the END of present governments — the governments that rule Russia, China, Japan, Italy, Germany — yes, and even the United States — and the other nations. They then shall become the kingdoms of the GOVERNMENT of the Lord Jesus Christ, the KING of kings over the entire earth.

This makes completely plain the fact that the government that is a literal government, even the Chaldean Empire was a KINGDOM — even as the Roman Empire was a KINGDOM — the KINGDOM OF GOD is a government. It is to rule over the GOVERNMENTS of the NATIONS of the world.

Jesus Christ was born as the KING — a KING!

When He stood on trial for the title before Pilate, His accusers said unto Him, "Art thou a king then?" Jesus answered, "Thou sayest that I am a king. I therefore said unto thee, that I am king. I am not of this world, but of the other world."

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small church — as a church. She rules over many waters (verse 1) which are described in verse 15 as different nations speaking different languages. She proved as the Church of Rome — which scripture says (Ephesians 2:2) Revelation 19:2 Matthew 25:1-10 etc.) is the offspring of the bride of Christ — to be spiritually consumed by Him at His second coming.

But she has committed her own sin. By having direct political union with the

But Jesus also said to Pilate, "My kingdom is not of this world" (John 18:36). The Kingdom is of the world to come.

Have you not read what scripture proclaimed by Mary's mother of Jesus, prior to His birth? Jesus told Pilate, "I have come to become a king. I am not of this world, but of the other world, and being both a son and a son of the other world, I shall call this world mine. It shall be (see SEVEN PROOFS, page 1)

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great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God shall give unto him the THRONE of his father David, and he shall reign over the house of Jacob forever; and of his kingdom there shall be NO END" (Luke 1:31-33).

"These scriptures tell you PLAINLY that GOD is supreme RULER. They tell you in plainest language that Jesus was born to be a KING — that He is going to RULE ALL NATIONS OF THE EARTH — that His Kingdom shall rule eternally.

But all this is only part of the fantastic, amazing, actually SHOCKING TRUTH about the KINGDOM OF GOD.

The KINGDOM OF GOD will rule over the peoples and nations of the earth. Yet these mortal peoples and nations will NOT be the Kingdom, nor even in the Kingdom of God. They shall be merely ruled over as it!

"We still have to learn or WHAT or OF WHOM it is composed. Can YOU — as an individual, ever become a part of this Kingdom?"

Can be entered

In Jesus' day the religious

"Isn't it incongruous? Man invents numerous religions for the worship of God — yet doesn't know WHO or WHAT God is?"

leaders knew He was a teacher sent from God with GOD'S TRUTH. They branded Him a false prophet, heretic, and seditionist. Yet they knew His was the voice of God!

One of them, a Pharisee named Nicodemus, occupying an office of authority over the Jews, came secretly by night to see Jesus.

Rabbi, said this Pharisee, we know that thou art a teacher come from God. (John 1:25) Yet we Pharisees do not know thee. He did not say, "I know you." He said, "We know the Pharisees." They know He spoke the TRUTH — they did not realize it.

But Jesus heard straight to the point! He did not inquire about the religious of the Jews. He told him some things you need to understand!

Nicodemus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the Kingdom of God. (John 3:3) Yes, Nicodemus, the Kingdom of God is something that can be seen, but only by those who have been born again. It is something others cannot see. Request you free book by mail. But let the Holy Spirit be your guide!

But what about the Jews who had already been born again? (John 3:7) But they cannot see the Kingdom of God? Nicodemus said, "Then if you be born again, the Spirit will testify to the Kingdom of God!"

Nicodemus further: Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the Kingdom of God. (John 3:5) The Kingdom of God is something that can be seen, but only those born of

water and of the Spirit can enter into it!

He said, "... Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh IS FLESH; and that which is born of the Spirit IS SPIRIT" (John 3:5-6).

Notice further! In the resurrection chapter of the Bible we read, "Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption" (1 Corinthians 15:50). The Kingdom of God is something not human, of flesh and blood, can enter or inherit!

In hearts of Pharisees?

Let's take a good look at this First century. It does say that it is contradicted by all the other scriptures I am giving you in this article. If the Bible does contradict itself, you can't believe it anyway — so then it will wound prove nothing.

First, to whom is Jesus speaking? Read it!

"And when He was demanded of the Pharisees when the kingdom of God should come, He answered them and said, The

kingdom of God is not coming in the Kingdom of God; or, that the Kingdom is merely a meaningless, frothy and ethereal sentiment "set up in our hearts"?

It's about time you come to know who are the false prophets, and WHO is speaking the true Word of God faithfully!

PROOF NO. 6

WHAT AND WHY THE CHURCH

When we come to the question, WHAT and WHY is the

"In Jesus' day, the religious leaders knew He was a teacher sent from God with GOD'S TRUTH. They branded Him a false prophet, heretic, and seditionist. Yet they knew His was the voice of GOD!"

Church, it is equally astonishing that the one original true Church of God, still extant after 1,900 years of persecution, opposition, martyrdom, remains UNIQUE in having the answer.

The real purpose and function of the Church is as little understood as the knowledge of who and what God is, what and why is MAN, what was the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the government of God, and His supreme creative achievement — Holy righteous CHARACTER.

Isn't it incongruous? Man invents numerous religions for the worship of God — yet doesn't know WHO or WHAT God is? Man does not know what HE is! Or WHY? Seven hundred million join "Christian" churches who do not know the purpose or function of the church!

True, indeed it is that the whole world has been deceived!

Churches everywhere

The first and most widespread false belief in this world's churches is the assumption that this is God's world, that God is desperately trying to get every body saved, "while Satan is trying to keep everybody lost. Satan is surely winning this battle if it were just."

But 1) God is not trying to get everybody saved, especially NOW! And 2) those not called are not lost — just not judged. yet!

We need now to understand the world out from which God's Church has been called to be a separate holy people.

Let me restate it briefly. The first man Adam was given two things: 1) to keep Satan away of God's way of love, the way of God's law — following every thing developing the holy righteous CHARACTER to qualify to receive the government of God on earth.

But Adam rejected God's way, he rejected God as the source of his knowledge, and as the God to be worshipped, and obeyed.

But let it now be emphasized that when God pronounced man an Adam system to 999,999,999 being cut off from God, the Fall had returned the prerogative

specially calling to Him those He chose for special service. And, ALWAYS — in every case — those specially called were called for a mission PREPARATORY TO THE KINGDOM OF GOD!

Understand this! Everyone God called was chosen for a special mission PREPARING FOR THE KINGDOM OF GOD!

God is no respecter of persons. He called no "favorites" merely to bestow upon them His gift of eternal salvation. Each has been called for use preparing for the

KINGDOM OF GOD

But, understand also this. The special mission or service to which each "called-out one" has been chosen was GOD'S MEANS of developing in him the holy, righteous CHARACTER to qualify him to reign and rule with and under Christ in God's KINGDOM — IN THE WORLD TO COME!

Only the prophets in ancient Old Testament Israel were called in this sense. The Holy Spirit was never made available to others in Old Testament Israel. The purpose for the special calling of that nation has been covered in Proof No. 4.

Man's spiritual creation begins with Christ and the Church

Remember, God creates in two stages. The first stage of man's creation was the physical stage. It began with Adam. The second phase of man's creation is the spiritual phase, and he grows into Christ.

As a group of nation Israel was called under the physical stage of man's creation. The spiritual stage began through Christ with righteous Abel, Noah, Noah, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and the prophets in Israel. But as a group, calling the Church of God began the spiritual phase.

The Church was called for a very special or a very important job for the millennium — a purpose not fully realized from the first century until the present generation.

Adam's creation NEXT CHAPTER

The first Adam formed of together from the dust of the ground was given a special commission. The human brain with intellect was then given a special gift in Proof No. 1. But he was not complete. He was created by God with a second Spirit — the Holy Spirit of God. (Old Testament times) man was not given God's Holy Spirit.

Man, possessing only the one Spirit, spirit is truly not all there — yet he is shown one of the things. He is a natural being, not a spiritual being. He has only the physical, carnal mind.

And what says God of the carnal mind? It is devised against God and man, subject to the law of God. (Romans 7:5) Also, as Jehovah explained, this explains the 50 year process, page 10.

kingdom of God cometh not with observation, neither shall they say, Lo here! or, lo there! for behold, the Kingdom of God is within you. (Luke 17:20-21)

He was speaking to the unconverted, carnal, hypocritical living Pharisees. Notice: He answered them and said, "It was the Pharisees who asked Him the question. Were they in the Kingdom? No, never! If one thinks the Kingdom is in the clouds, and the Kingdom was within the Pharisees, was that in accord with the Pharisees? Such an assumption is rather ridiculous, isn't it? 87.

Nicodemus again, precisely what JESUS SAID. Remember, the Pharisees had not yet been set up as a religion. The Kingdom of God shall be set up in your hearts. He said some of the things people interpret into this sense. He said to the Pharisees, "The Kingdom of God is present now in you." Whichever He was saying the Kingdom of God is in the world, present now, in the future.

I take issue with the heavily religious in the Greek language. The Greek words he wrote were translated into the English words to show you that if you have a Bible with the original text, you will see that this is accurately rendered in the English.

The Greek word used in this matter is the better translation. If you Bible is a bad translation, you will notice that the translation recognized that Greek

and volume that they could blast all human life off this planet several times over. There are two other destructive weapons today in existence, either of which could erase humanity from the earth.

Today world famous scientists say only a super world government can prevent world annihilation. Yet men cannot and will not get together to form such a world ruling government.

It is time we face the hard, cold realistic fact: humanity has two alternatives: either there is an almighty, all powerful God who is about to step in and set up the kingdom of God to rule all nations with supernatural and supernatural POWER, or else all human life would be obliterated. (Matthew 24:22)

If the deceived religionists who think the religion is the Kingdom of God were right and there is not going to be any supernatural and all powerful world government, which is the Kingdom of God, then by manly in manly methods, manly. All human life is in danger of extinction.

But make what Jesus (Jesus said)!

Can you imagine people's spirit?

Where is your trust in the Word of God, or in organized camps, despising teaching, empty-headed Christianity, substituted as "Christian" traditions — which says the Christian

"The Church was called for a very special PURPOSE, in preparation for the KINGDOM — a purpose not fully realized from the first century until the present generation"

"And this Gospel shall be preached..." Matthew 24:14

Sermon Summaries from Ministers of the Worldwide Church of God

Depression: Its Causes and Cure

Depression — low spirits, blue moods, gloominess, dejection, sadness, discouragement, despair, feelings of inadequacy, a generally negative outlook on life — afflicts just about everyone once in a while, at least.

I am not a doctor, psychologist or psychiatrist. I will not deal with these problems in a technical way, but I do want to discuss them as a minister of Jesus Christ, who helps people through their trials. I'm going to use layman's terminology and speak from my experiences. Also I'm going to use material from the classes I have taken and the reading I have done on the subject.

Depression is a symptom, a warning sign, given by the body or mind to tell you that something going on inside needs attention. Depression itself is not the problem but a symptom and warning of a problem — a warning to investigate and find and attend to whatever is the real problem.

Eight causes of depression

I'd like to discuss eight basic causes of depression, some are simple and some complex.

1) **Overeating and sleeping habits.** The body needs fuel and time to repair itself each day. When its basic needs are not met, it doesn't function efficiently, and sometimes a listless depression results. This commonly happens to students pressed for time, busied by social activities, exams, and the same also happens to elderly folks and people living alone because "it's no fun cooking for only one." Poverty may also prevent an adequate diet and thus cause depression.

2) **Reaction to drugs.** Some depression. Most medications and drugs can have bad side effects of one kind or another, even common medications taken for colds. People need to be cautious and heed competent medical advice rather than attempt to doctor themselves up with all sorts of remedies from its corner drugstore.

Some people have been unbalanced in their body chemistry and suffer reactions in certain foods. For example we've all heard of hypoglycemia.

3) **Significant changes in body functions.** These can open the way for depression. Included are such normal bodily changes as menopause, postnatal depression, even the menstrual cycle.

4) **Repressed anger.** There is a right time and use for anger but there is also a wrong and destructive use. God wants not to let the sun go down on your anger (Ephesians 4:26). In other words don't keep anger bottled up inside, carry grudges or let it build into hatred and eat away till it begins to tear you up.

5) **Control of loss.** This is probably one of the largest causes of depression. An interesting study was done in which thousands were asked to list the personal tragedies they most dread. Here are their answers: 10 leading causes of grief and consequently depression: Loss of a child, death of a spouse, a jail sentence, an undiagnosed major illness, financial difficulties, business failure, being fired, a divorce, leaving a married partner, and death. All these are high anxiety situations.

6) **Self pity and self guilt.** I don't see an just reasonable disappointment after bungling some minor situation or task. I'm talking about being immersed in self pity over an extended period of time. This kind of self pity really causes a negative self image and a negative attitude toward the world and life. If everything you do is perceived as a sin and evil, depression often ensues, and the future has seems bleak and discouraging. Of course the Bible teaches us the opposite that our future is bright, wonderful, busy, fortunate, and blessed — if we hope in Christ and His plan.

7) **Sin.** When you are consistently doing what you know is wrong, a consistent depression is bound to result. Of course you must be a careful and ask things if his standards are to show. There are some

total perfection in this life. All humans sin, and all need to repent constantly and remain in an attitude of repentance (1 John 1:7-10). But if one doesn't resist sin and in weakness slips into major sins continually, then discouragement and depression are apt to follow.

8) **Living in a depressing environment,** like a slum, or in chronic unemployment, poverty, loneliness. We are all strangers and sojourners on the earth, looking to a better Kingdom from heaven and to the time when God establishes His government on earth. We can all have hope of a better future. But right now, also things you can do here and now to overcome the depressing effects of his surroundings and situation in life.

Elijah's dependency

How then do we face depression and overcome it? Let's examine and learn from a remarkable example found in 1 Kings chapters 18 and 19. This is the story of Elijah. Elijah became dependent, despondent, the Bible says, unto death. In other words, he became suicidal.

Now to bring the story into focus, let's notice the events reported in chapter 18 which set the stage for Elijah's subsequent dependency. Elijah had just gone through a spiritual "high." Elijah took on the entire priesthood of Baal and he decisively won the confrontation because God intervened for him, even sending fire from heaven to light the altar and burn up the sacrifice, confirming that Elijah was God's true servant. Afterwards, Elijah had the prophets of Baal destroyed (1 Kings 18:40).

Here is not only a major miracle by God, but the complete destruction of Baal worship at this time, the wiping out of a major religious effort that had been obstructive to God. Talk about success, this was total victory!

Elijah was so "high," it says in verse 40, "And the hand of the Lord was on Elijah, and he guided up his horns and ran before Ahab to the entrance of Jezreel. He had run 20 miles ahead of the horses; here we have one of those major victories in a lifetime, accomplishments and in the same time total physical and emotional exhaustion.

With that in mind, we find in 1 Kings 19:1-2, "And Ahab told Jezebel that Elijah had done, and withal how he had slain all the prophets with the sword. Then Jezebel sent messengers unto Elijah, saying, So let the gods do to me, and more also, if I make not thy life as the life of one of them by tomorrow about this time."

When he heard this threat by the queen, Elijah ran for his life and came to the brook. He left his servant there and went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came down under a juniper tree. Then he asked God that he might die. He said, "It is enough, now O Lord, take away my life, for I am not better than my fathers" (verse 4).

Elijah had built himself up for his confrontation with the false prophets. It must have taken every thing out of him — a tremendous physical and emotional exhaustion. And as if that wasn't enough, he had run 20 miles into the city. He was totally fatigued. Now, what did he do at that point of resource? He listened to the one negative voice instead of all the positive voices. The negative voice was that of Jezebel: a woman who said, "I'm going to kill you." He temporarily forgot about God's help and power, focused on the one problem he was having and forgot the rest. As a result, he got depressed and despondent.

Now I want you to realize how God handled Elijah, because I believe that here we have the perfect method for handling this type of depression.

This sermon was given by Mark Martin, pastor of the Worldwide Church of God in Los Angeles.

Elijah slept, then ate a meal miraculously provided by the angel to sustain him 40 days. This part is clearly miraculous. Incidentally none of us should try fasting like that! God was summoning him to come and meet Him (1 Kings 19). (Here we learn that in the average, normal depression case, one might at least apply the principle of taking care of the basic needs of rest and proper diet.)

"And he came thither unto a cave, and lodged there; and, behold, the word of the Lord came to him, and he said unto him, 'What dost thou here, Elijah?' (verse 9). Simply, God asks Elijah, "What's the cause of your problems?"

"And he said, 'I have been very jealous for the Lord God of hosts: for the children of Israel have forsaken thy covenant, thrown down thine altars, and slain thy prophets with the sword, and I, even I only, am left, and they seek my life, to take it away.' (verse 10). We see that Elijah is resting in on the one negative aspect of his life. He has temporarily overlooked and forgot ten all the good.

Notice that God listens to him. God hears him out. He doesn't say, "Now, Elijah, my people don't get despondent. People with my Holy Spirit don't ever have depression. You shouldn't be depressed. Therefore, don't be depressed, and walk away. No, God listens to what the man had to say. He let him get it all out.

And then God, in verse 11, said, "Go forth and stand upon the mountain before the Lord, and behold the Lord passed by, and a great and strong wind rent the mountains, and brake in pieces the rocks before the Lord; but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake; but the Lord was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire. And it is showing that He controls the power of the wind and the earthquake and the fire.

But what the fire, verses 12-13, "A still small voice. And it was so when Elijah heard it that he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood in the opening of the cave. And there came a voice unto him and said, 'What dost thou here, Elijah?' I think the still small voice is representative of understanding, compassion, empathy, kindness. Even though God has the power of the universe, He still speaks to us in a gentle way, with understanding. So we have seen the three parts of God's program to help him through his depression.

The first step, God gave him food, drink and rest. The second step, He let him talk it all out. The third step, He gave him empathy, the gift of understanding. He let him know that He was concerned.

And then the next step, God said, "Go return on thy way to the wilderness of Paran, and when thou comest thence Haraz to be kept over Syria" (verse 15). In other words, God told him, "Go, get back to work. Surround yourself with activities again. Don't allow yourself to just sit and feel sorry for yourself. Get busy again."

I believe that in these four steps is a very good way of helping people deal with depression. It is applicable for anybody, whether a family member, a friend, who ever it may be.

Elijah greatly convicted

Notice that now here do you find God? "Beholding him out" (God did not even come into his entire statement when he said, "I only am left"). You'll find a little later that God corrected him and said that Elijah wasn't alone, there were 7,000 others, but that He didn't have a word correction when he was already for it. He waited.

FORUM WITH STANLEY R. RADER

This issue's "Forum" is a result of an employee meeting Nov. 22 in which Stanley R. Rader, general counsel to Herbert W. Armstrong, folded questions concerning many aspects of the Work and its activities. "Forum" will feature these sessions whenever they occur by running excerpted transcripts of discussions, questions and answers that we feel reflect the interest of our readership about developments within the Work.

Mr. Rader, a couple of questions in regard to the news media and religion at the present time — what's happened in the Peoples Temple. I've been reading writings in the press now of people getting involved in this thing up on so-called sects. In conjunction with this there's going to be a demonstration at so-called Faith Temple in Los Angeles... I don't know if you are familiar with them but they are the ones who own Channel 52, and they are fighting the State Attorney General's office in respect to tax... I guess they (the government) want to investigate books of any nonprofit organization as to whether or not there is a hint of any wrongdoing. I wonder how is this involving the Church, and how do we handle this involving the Church in the near future?

We don't feel there is a direct connection between the problems of this movement that has been in the papers the past few days and any other religious or organization. If you recall from the lines you will find that the news media in a certain organization is called rather than acts as a role. When they use the word "they" generally mean an "it" is some thing magical group of us that has a job we can do as that any responsible members of the community might have some responsibility as to their activities in this society. They have the right to have their own targets of interest for those who and to involve themselves with a spirit of any organization. He said to that which the news media may find of the people in the country. If a group is a collection of people in another country and they like to help people, it is a group of people with a purpose, it is all that type of thing. He said to that in the United States Work, has ever looked at both our organization of that sort. He said to that in the news media in the present we are a great responsibility. He said to that in the news media in the present we are a great responsibility. He said to that in the news media in the present we are a great responsibility.

things, you want to kick back hard, and that's not so pleasant to the person who is going to get hit with that kick, or you want to say, "Well, why don't we let somebody else take the beating for a while," and go away quietly. Being in that mood and also being concerned that had been advised for some considerable time to take it easy. I wrote Mr. Armstrong another one of my letters that probably shouldn't have been sent, but wait. We talked at great length over the weekend, and we both promised we wouldn't work so hard. So he worked another 15 hours yesterday, and I did the same thing. It's not that we are trying to set ourselves up as martyrs, but it just seems that it's the nature of the job, and there is just no end to it. You know you are not doing the right thing by working that hard but there just doesn't seem to be any other way out of the moment except to be any way of working. It might be with the trip coming up, I find it a bit easier to relax, and when I get back I'll see if my blood pressure has gone down.

Could you give an update on the New York trip and the foundation? Yes, but I always had to preempt Mr. Armstrong, and he has just written a beautiful, comprehensive letter to the editors of the Church. I would suggest that you want to get that letter. It will cover all of your questions much better than I could do.

There was an article in the [Frontier] "Star News" that Mr. Armstrong might have to appear in this Hagley case, and I wondered if there has been a change in that or if we are going to appeal to a higher court?

It is another area where there is evidence the Church likes to do the right thing by everyone. Mr. Armstrong and I feel we don't want to have to testify in such a trial because what we would say would only further make apparent to the court of the world all of the reasons why Mr. Armstrong led Armstrong has been futed out of the Church. So we are going to fight the matter as vigorously as we can so that we can leave to us. We are doing what we can to keep the situation as to what I would say to the court. We are doing what we can to keep the situation as to what I would say to the court.

I understand that there are current plans to do a pilot series on TV that will incorporate "The Plain Truth" in that role? That was the message in services a couple of weeks ago when I spoke here in Pasadena. Also there are some

excerpts from that in the *Pastor's Report* for the benefit of the ministers. What we are intending to do is to have another television show or program, in addition to Mr. Armstrong's weekly television programs, that will bring *The Plain Truth* to television just as *People* magazine is bringing its magazine to television. 20/20 is an ABC [American Broadcasting Co.] program, 60 Minutes is really a magazine of the air. We have had this idea for some considerable time, in fact when *Quest* was first started, several syndicators of tenow and one of the networks wanted to know if we would be willing to engage in such an effort for *Quest* — to take *Quest* immediately to the television medium. We decided against that because if the television program didn't work it would have deleterious effect of almost an instant character on the magazine. They would both stop one another out quickly. But *The Plain Truth* is a powerful vehicle. It is the best religious magazine in the world and could be made even better as time goes on. It has no competition; there is no other magazine publisher in the religious field quite like it. And with all of our efforts in the print medium it is natural to try to bring it to television, because there are simply people who do not read as much as they watch television. You have to use your resources as I've characterized them — spiritual, human, physical and financial. In such a case, we must minimize their use and must use each medium as best we can to reach that audience you might otherwise not reach. We are kidding ourselves if we think that with *The Plain Truth* we are reaching all of those millions of people who are glued every day to a television set. But if we can bring *The Plain Truth* to them in a provocative, interesting, enlightening and entertaining fashion, 60 minutes or 30 minutes depending on the format that we find most effective, we can integrate our entire television and media

effort and push the Work forward to a higher plateau. We will be covering that during the ministerial conference. We hope that our pilot will be ready and if it is good and everyone at the conference in January likes it and Mr. Armstrong likes it, then we will share it maybe in pilot form with the Church members in the area as we move forward. It will be something if it works for the 1979-80 television season. And we would be talking about program time somewhere around October.

What are some of the things you are planning to accomplish on your trip to the Middle East, and also will Mr. Armstrong be planning a trip in the near future?

I am going there a little ahead of Mr. Armstrong to be sure that all the arrangements are in order. As we have said this will commemorate 10 years of close associations with various institutions and people in Israel and will commemorate the beginning of a new 111 year program. Our newest archaeological project there is the project that is going to uncover the City of David and we are working at a tripartite arrangement this time. He brew University, a South African foundation and Ambassador of the Church will share in the cost over the next decade and the methodology again will be supervised by the Hebrew University at Jerusalem and the Israel Exploration Society.

They also want to honor Mr. Armstrong for his contributions of the past and some portion of the future and then Mr. Armstrong will meet with Mr. [Michael] Begun at a timely opportunity. Then he's off to the peace talks which will have just been signed. Mr. Armstrong will see Begun almost immediately after Begun's return from Oslo [Norway]. He goes to Oslo on the 10th of December to get the Nobel Peace Prize. We are supposed to see Begun on the 17th, so we will be back only a few days (to be concluded next issue).

HAVE A QUESTION FOR 'FORUM'?

Due to the success of Stanley Rader's headquarters personnel meetings and resulting Forum column and a number of enthusiastic comments received concerning them, Mr. Rader would like to open the column to questions from Church members.

Questions of interest to the general membership of the Church will be answered. In some cases questions may be altered slightly to be combined with other questions of a similar nature. Questions should be accompanied by a Good News mailing label (names will not appear in print) and addressed to:

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Depression

(Continued from page 6)

God gently corrected Elijah. Elijah had listened to only one small negative voice from Jezebel. He had forgotten his friends. He had forgotten there were 7,000 others. And you find that God did not severely correct him but reminded him gently that what he had to say was not true.

So I think we have a very good plan for helping people with depression.

To solve the problem of depression, you need to ask yourself of whoever it is that's going through the problem: "What is it that you are doing or thinking that is causing your depression?" What is the cause? The depression itself is just a symptom. When you understand that, then you can begin to deal with it.

Now, if indeed it's a physical thing — if it's because of a diet, then change your diet. If it's a postnatal depression, then just recognize what it is, surely can help you get through it when you recognize it. If it is a significant change in life, then recognize that it is a cause of depression. At least knowing that can help you understand how to get through it.

Since depression is only a symptom, what can you do so that you can change that which is causing the depression? Depression is in a way, emotional pain, just the same as we have physical pain. If you put your hand on a hot stove, it will hurt you, and you ought to be very grateful that it does hurt. Because of that hurt, you'll take your hand off the hot stove and not receive further hurt. God has placed into our fingers nerve endings that convey pain sensations so that whenever we touch things that are wrong for us, we immediately know about it. That's the reason for the pain.

Depression is like an emotional pain. What we need to do is find out the cause of that depression. Once we find out, then we need to change that cause. Once we change it, then the depression will go away.

There are usually reasons for depression. Unfortunately most people don't intend to those reasons. Most people don't concentrate on look at or study what those causes are. They just feel blue, they feel down. But they can look at those reasons, they can understand those reasons. And if indeed they will understand and correct those reasons, then they have the means to turn off depression. Just as surely as they have created the depression, it can also go away, because they can let it go.

Proverbs 24:16 tells us, "For a just man falleth seven times, and riseth up again." We might tend to think it's the unjust, the unrighteous, that become despondent that fall, trip, stumble. Most of us probably feel that depression is sign. It's bad. Now it's certainly harmful to you, and it can be caused by sin, but there are other causes for it. It's the just man who analyzes it, understands it, picks himself up and rises up again.

Life is full of inequities. It is a training ground in which we must learn to act and think like God. For we will be ready to receive everlasting life and **trouble it rightly**. Learning to cope with and overcome depression is part of what God wants us to master. The future is always bright and hopeful when we consider what God is planning and offering us!

Toronto teen tops in talent

By Dennis R. Robertson
PASADENA — Talent finalists from around the United States and Canada vied for top honors Sunday, Nov. 26, at the annual 1978 Youth Opportunities United (YOU) National Talent Contest Finals got underway in Pasadena.

Michelle Bridon of Don Mills, Ont., sang her way to first place performing a piece she had written and composed entitled "Teach Me to Sing."

"I wrote the song in September and sang it at the Festivals in Toronto and won I couldn't believe it," she said.

Even after the 18-year-old secured the victory in this regional contest, she still had no hopes of winning in Pasadena.

"My brother told me I have a voice like a vibrating wire," she said. "So when I saw the contests practicing and realized how fantastic they were, I didn't think I had a chance. I was totally shocked when they called my name."

Michelle won AMU which she plans to use to attend Ambassador College in Canada.

The second place winner was Glenda Nirschl of Merriam, Kan., who performed a lullaby, "Lullaby, Lullaby, Lullaby." Third place went to contestant Sherri Means of Seattle, Wash., playing her own arrangement of "Romance" and "Malagena."

Twelve finalists got the chance to travel to headquarters after they won their district and regional talent competitions. The regional contests were held in October at the various Festivals in the United States and Canada.

The contestants performed before a capacity audience at Ambassador Auditorium, which included the five contest judges. Headed by Donald F. Gibbons, a state chairman for California Music Teachers Association, each of the judges are respected musicians, composers or faculty members with years of experience in their field.

Though the performance began at 7 p.m., the judging took place earlier Sunday afternoon with only the judges present. This was done for two reasons: to keep the competition as fair as possible, giving the judges plenty of time to make their decision and to keep the length of the evening performance to approximately two hours. The winners were selected by 5 p.m., but not on the school of winners listing its contestants until after the evening show.

Special guest performers in the show were the 1976 and 1977 national winners, Jennifer Stokes and Robert Taylor, plus 1978 talent winners from



FROM MINNESOTA TO OLD MEXICO — Youths from around the United States and representatives from Canada and Mexico perform at YOU's National Talent Contest Finals. From top left, clockwise: flutist Cindy Ritchie of Elzebetown, Tenn.; drummer Bill Anthony of Wichita, Kan.; dancers Daniel Garcia and Gloria Marqon of Guadalajara, Mexico; and singer Phil Bauer of Minneapolis, Minn. (Photos by Roland Rees)

Mexico, Gloria Marqon. Her partner in the winning dance team, Eduardo Garcia, unable to appear, was replaced by his brother, Daniel.

According to Ron Dick, associate director of YOU and one of the originators of the contest, which was begun in 1975, the talent competition

was organized on a national basis to stimulate creative, artistic and cultural activities among the young people of the Church and to provide a goal for them to shoot for.

Youth in the Church often miss out on athletic facilities of other high school institutions because they ob-

serve God's Sabbath. Mr. Dick said. "Talent shows, band concerts and sports events are often held on Friday night and this counts many young people out of competition unless they have previous alternatives. This is one of the reasons

YOU WINNER PROFILES

The 12 YOU contestants whose biographical sketches appear here vied for top honors during the 1978 YOU National Talent Contest in the Ambassador Auditorium in Pasadena Nov. 26. These contestants represented the winners from the YOU semifinals held at this year's U.S. and Canadian Festivals.

Three of the 12 placed with first prize going to Michelle Bridon of Don Mills, Ont., second place to Glenda Nirschl of Merriam, Kan. and third place to Sherri Means of Redmond, Wash.

See accompanying article this page.

YOU track program

Glenda is the daughter of James and Marilyn Nirschl and attends the Kan. say City (Kaps) North Church.

"After six years of playing guitar, 17-year-old Sherri Means of Redmond, Wash., decided this year was a good time as any to enter her first music competition. It provided

her a wise decision. For at this year's YOU national contest, she captured third place and a \$300 cash prize for her own arrangement of "Romance" and "Malagena." She carried the trophy home by winning the regional competition in Seattle, Wash.

A student at Bridgeport High School, Sherri practices guitar pri-

marily for beginners. Even so, she says she would someday like to take lessons brought from a top-notch professional instructor to fall back on later on in life.

Sherri enjoys sports — especially water and snow sports — and has her eye on a career in architecture design. She hopes to attend Ambassador College, which she calls the finest her place has ever seen.

Sherri attends the Emmeret, Wash. Church with her parents, Richard and Diane McLean.

After winning the regional competition at Big Sandy, Tex., Bill Anthony, 18, brought his drums to Pasadena for performance. His self-composed "Drummers' Extravaganza" was the highlight of the performance.

From Wichita, Kan., Bill loved playing the drums in the local sym-

phony and his first trip to the finals. Bill also plays bass and the trombone and is a member of a progressive rock band, Ultrafunk Express.

Bill is active in his YOU chapter in both basketball and track, and has qualified for National YOU Track and Field Finals in the 100 yard and 200 yard sprints the two last years. He also enjoys water skiing and snowcross racing.

Bill is the son of Floyd and Ellen Anthony and attends the Wichita Church.

In his second year of competition, 17-year-old Brent Baker of Chickasha, Okla., won the National Spring Music Festival in the instrumental category with his performance of "The Ballad of the Fool." He is a member of the Chickasha Church.



FIRST/MICHELLE BRIDON

THIRD/SHERRI MEANS

PAUL CUMMINGS

GREG GILLMAN

TIM CRAIG

Originally interested in piano, Canadian Michelle Bridon turned her talents to songwriting and singing this year. She wrote "Teach Me to Sing" this month when her self-composed "Teach Me to Sing" moved the judges to award the 18-year-old first place in the Youth Opportunities United (YOU) National Talent Contest and the \$300 cash prize that goes along with it.

This year marked the fourth time Michelle has entered the YOU competition. It also marked the first time Canada was represented at the national Finals in Pasadena. This year Michelle's opportunities to compete in youth musical events include the U.S. and Canadian Festivals. In Pasadena, Michelle sang and performed devotional readings.

A graduate of St. Andrew's Episcopal Secondary School, Michelle is majoring in English and has among her interests reading and track. She is now hard at work composing a rock opera entitled "A Man Called Noah."

Michelle attends the Church of the West Church and is the daughter of Al and Virginia Bridon.

The challenge of a first year can succeed by its own — provided he sound advice from 17-year-old Glenda Nirschl of Merriam, Kan.

After 10 years of playing the piano and three years of competing in the YOU competition, Glenda won her regional title of Charles E. Griffiths Scherzi, a second place finish in this year's Finals. A \$300 prize accompanied the award.

For two years Glenda competed locally against her own friends. She also plays the piano. Glenda finished third in the national Finals here two years ago. Last year Glenda moved a big house with a fourth place finish in the national contest and this year gained a triple Pasadena after winning the regional competition at Lake of the Ozarks, Mo.

A senior at Shawnee Mission North High School, Glenda is also in her third year of studies at the University of Missouri at Kansas City. College is her future plans, she says, and she also has a long-range goal of being a concert pianist.

Glenda loves to travel and enjoys photography and all kinds of sports. She is a cheerleader for the school basketball team and participates in the

SECOND CHURCH?

(Continued from page 3)
IRREFRIGIBLE things Garner Ted is now doing in a good light it is Satan who tries to make us believe that writing is right.

But now what about the seven churches of Revelation 2 and 3? I have always said, and still affirm, that these seven messages to the seven churches are picturing in advance the seven **CONDITIONS** to be found in the **ONE ENDURING TRUE CHURCH**.

But with the Episcopalian condition dominant during the first era of years of time, the Syncretist condition becoming dominant in the next period of time, and so on with the Lapsed-ecumen condition outstanding in the same true Church at about the time of the great tribulation, and climaxing with Christ's second coming.

To respond that fully requires more space than I have here. It will be covered later.

But the crux of the whole matter is simply this: Where in all this effort at persuading God's people to follow Garner Ted Armstrong—a man **NOT** reformed, who did and is continuing now from within to do away the world of discord

among brethren—in all their arguments, **WHERE IS GOD? WHERE IS JESUS CHRIST, living HEAD of the Church?**

One thing I can say definitely and with authority, GOD and our Head, JESUS CHRIST, have **NOT** left God's one and only TRUE CHURCH.

These dissidents are **LOOKING AT MEN!** They are leaving GOD out of their thinking. For 44 YEARS the living JESUS CHRIST HAS BEEN HEADING, LEADING, GUIDING AND BLESSING GOD'S ONE AND ONLY TRUE CHURCH!

It has not for taken if HE is not in any effort to pull members out from GOD'S Church, where CHRIST IS WORKING HE IS NOT following Garner Ted Armstrong who resorted to a conspiracy to water down God's TRUTH to suit a crowd. God's Church and college—NO LITERALLY NOT GOD AND CHRIST OUT OF THE COLLEGE AND CHURCH! HE IS NOT! Will you?

Some were leaving Jesus when here in the human flesh (John 6:66) many of his disciples went back and walked no more with him. Would you have been one of them?

Letters TO THE EDITOR

Wonderful truth and beautifully I have just finished reading your book and want to say thank you for putting these wonderful truths into such simple, yet beautiful, understandable, truly God has inspired you and will inspire you in your future books to be written.

Mrs. Paul Melner
Tecumseh, Neb

I studied your book at least a chapter a day after the Feast. What a revelation just to see how much new understanding God has given us through you in the last few years. You have put it all together so plain and simple and stirred up the desire in me to yield to God more for the power to fulfill my potential. Please continue to lead us and inspire us.

Robert F. Curry
Arlington, Va

I've almost finished reading your book and I have to tell you that it surpasses the message I've ever heard or knowledge I've had outside of God's true Church.

Georgia Hollingsworth
Sweetwater, Tenn

I have your book and find it everything you said was and more. You are not only the man God has called and does to reveal His work to all of us and has never known of any man to be able to write and

know the things that man writes and knows.

LaVerne C. West
New Orleans, La

I'm so glad you wrote the book. I just finished reading the chapter on "Why the Church?" We (especially myself) need re-awakening of the three points, one, that we in the Church are called to back you and the moment in announcing God's Kingdom, two, that we need **full** instructions of the Church to grow to perfection, and three, that with whatever gifts we have we should build up the Church (the people in the Church).

Ronald Olson
Lakewood, Calif

Thank you so very much for giving us a copy of *The Incredible Human Potential*. I began reading it at the Feast and have started the second go through. This is a book that will be helpful to so many and from now and to the age soon to come.

Diangel Vassop
Bainbridge, Tex

Your book is everything I've ever read and would be a better gift in this and time than any other I could give. You have summed up the Holy Bible revealing of truth in language easily understood.

Kathleen E. Fisher
Cleveland, Tex

I would like to thank you for the precious truth revealed in your book. I just want to say that after reading this book, I had to ask myself, what have I been doing the past 10 years in the Church? I felt like it was all finally put together beautifully and made me stop and think that maybe those 10 years in the Church have been a waste, since I hadn't really been using all the potential I've been given. I plan to try to really rededicate myself to God and to use all my talents.

Mrs. Albert W. Moore
San Antonio, Calif

I simply adore your book. It has given me a renewed feeling of dignity and value. I'm more excited than ever about our mission on earth, and I can feel the importance and value of every human life. We appreciate your hard work and dedication. You set a fine example for the rest of us.

Chickster, N.H.

I find it difficult to put this book down and am now beginning the 10th chapter. It gives even greater understanding of the Bible. It is most appreciated and needed gift.

Helen A. Reed
Houston, Tex

Just a note to say thank you for the wonderful book. It was the best gift I could have ever received. This was my fourth Feast and it was the most inspiring Feast yet.

Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Hall
Gatesville, Ky

like. His first job was in a factory where he worked for 10 years. After graduation, he worked for 10 years. He says he has a great deal of thought of a music career but thinks it would be "no bad" a life.

He is also a pianist and sings in a church choir and plays the piano. He is a member of the church and is a member of the church. He is a member of the church and is a member of the church.

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ing in the ninth grade and took up soccer as a sport. He also plays guitar and plays to raise a band in the school. He is interested in being interviewed on the University of Minnesota campus radio station, KMEM. Recordings of live of Phil's original compositions will be played during the program.

Phil's hobby is spending time in his spare time drawing and cartooning. After graduation he is considering attending father school to prepare for a career as a hair stylist. However, music is still kept on his list.

Phil is the son of Fred and Ruby Baker and attends the Missionary School.

But apart from that, when considering Phil's piano playing ability, Her interpretation of Schubert's "Clare de lune" won the regional competition at the Norfolk, Va. Feast site.

A freshman at Brighton High School, Phil has been a member of the school choir for two years. This was his first year's participation in the VOU talent competition.

Phil likes all kinds of music, especially jazz. He plays sports in the school, track and softball. Phil has been named in all star softball team the past two seasons.

Phil and his parents, Fred and Ruby Baker, attend the Ann Arbor, Mich. Church.

At a talent competition. When he was a young child, Carol had a hearing problem so severe she was nearly deaf. Her mother, who is a stepmother, after five years of playing the violin, gained a spot in the finals with her performance of Brahms' Hungarian Dance No. 5 and Chopin's Nocturne.

A senior at Polytechnic High School, Carol is active in extracurricular activities. She is a member of the school orchestra and has been recommended for composition.

Carol is active in the VOU chapter where she has been captain of the cheerleading squad the last three years.

Carol and her father, Bill, and her mother, Betty, attend the Glendale, Calif. Church and is the daughter of Bill and Rita Baker.

Maria, at 16, is one of the talents of Tom (Tommy) in guitar and bass of the regional competition in St. Petersburg, Fla.

Tom's brother, Tom, is an exceptional bass player and performs with the band from Pasadena that tours the six of six each fall. Tom was part of the night band at a singing rendition of Matagorda at the national finals.

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Tom and that besides the competition, she has her own idea: you learn a lot from other people's talents and abilities.

Tom, from music, Tom enjoys playing soccer, swimming and Ping-Pong. He would like to see a career in sound engineering and studio work in the future.

Tom is the son of Nancy Boudner and attends the Tampa church.

Maria definitely figures in the future plans of 18 year old Paul Cummings of Quebec City. One winner of the national competition at the Sherbrooke, Que. Feast site.

Paul, who played Watway Concerts by Ashcroft in a second year performance of music majoring in the social sciences at the St. Lawrence campus in Quebec. He hopes to begin studies at the Quebec Conservatory of

Musik. He regularly performs special music at church feasts and attends international music festivals presented by the Montreal (Que.) Church choir.

Paul says the comedy would like to live in the United States, especially in Southern California. I like to go to the mountains at weekends.

Because I think it would open a lot of doors for me.

Paul attends the Quebec City Church.

By all indications, San Diego's (Calif.) Greg E. Delman, 17, is headed for big things in his pursuit of a singing career. Greg gained a spot in the national talent contest after winning the Quebec City competition with his performance of "The Arthur Park."

Last year, Greg's high school music appreciation class had him to enter a contest in Reno, Nev. for students 15 to 20 years of age. Greg's performance of a vocal ensemble brought him a first place finish in a field of 89 entries.

Greg plays trumpet and a little bit of drums, and is lead singer for an eight piece band in the San Diego area. He is a member at Escondido High School.

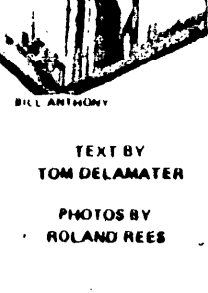
Next summer, Greg plans to attend a camp for singers conducted by conductor John Davidson. Following that, he is scheduled to tour Europe for four weeks with The Beatles as a part choir.

In his fourth year of VOU talent competition, 17 year old Cindy Blanche captured first place in the Savannah, Ga. regional contest with her rendition of Handel's "Sonata V" for the Flute.

Cindy is a member at Christwood High School in Tennessee where she is active in band and dancing. Cindy enjoys sports, especially basketball, volleyball and softball.

Although the earnest thoughts of majoring in drama in college, she says she would like to attend at least one year at Ambassador. I have it here, she said of the college. It just showed me how nice and friendly everyone is.

Cindy is active in the VOU chapter in Kingsport, Tenn. where she attends church services with her parents, George and Chris Blanche.



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SEVEN PROOFS of THE TRUE CHURCH

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 carnal mind is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked (Jeremiah 17:9). Hundreds of years of Old Testament Israelish experience proved that they were given God's revealed knowledge, hidden from other nations, yet they rebelled and sinned even above other nations!

The world into which Jesus came
 It was in such a world and in such a people (Judea) that Jesus

CONFIRMED THAT plainly and definitely. He said, "NO MAN CAN come to me, except the Father which hath sent me (draw him (John 6:44). NO SCRIPTURE CAN OR DOES PROVE THAT! All others are CUT OFF from God. No one of them CAN COME to Christ!

The Church of God founded
 Jesus was crucified, resurrected after three days and three nights in the tomb (another incidental proof of the one true Church), and after 40 days as-

sembled. "Word spread rapidly of this once-only amazing experience — hearing and seeing the Holy Spirit. The multitude came together, and were confounded, because that every man heard them (the 120) speak in his own language" (Acts 2:5-6).

Study this again carefully. The Medes among these devout Jews who came running in heard them — the 120 — speaking the language of the Medes. And he understood what they were saying! The one Medes heard and understood 120 Galileans speaking the language of the Medes! But the Parthian heard them — the same 120 — speaking his Parthian language. And so on! It was not a "jibberish" — unintelligible — as "tongues people" speak in their meetings today! And it needed no interpreter. I well remember experiences in such meetings, where in service after service the same man rose to interpret — and although the "jibberish" of different ones was entirely different, the "interpretation" had been memorized and in every case was the same! I saw that kind of experience drive sincere people hungry for God's truth away in disgust!

Let me add here that God's Holy Spirit is the Spirit of a SOVEREIGN GOD (1 Timothy 1:7). The one and only original Church of God was founded that day of Pentecost, A. D. 33. They were all of us, and we were all of one mind — like-minded of one accord.

God ADDS to His Church

The multitude who came running in were all amazed in wondering, doubting and asking, "Then what does this mean?" Then God's chief apostle Peter stood up to explain — to deliver to these thousands the first inspired sermon by an apostle.

These devout Jews were pricked in their hearts by Peter's sermon and asked, "What shall we do?"

Peter gave no "Whichever alternative call" — pleaded with them to talk their own conversion — but answered their question saying, "repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit" (Acts 2:38). It was the power of

doctrine through His apostle, and they continued together with one accord in . . . the apostles' doctrine and fellowship . . .

Now WHO added members to the Church? Not apostolic or evangelical salesmanship — but . . . the LORD added to the church daily such as should be saved [were to be saved]" (Acts 2:47).

Apostles preached; Church backed them

But what was the FOUNDATION of the Church? It is referred to as a "building," and a solid building must be built on a solid foundation.

Of course Jesus Christ is the foundational Rock. But the Church is built on the FOUNDATION of the apostles (New Testament) and prophets (Old Testament), Jesus Christ Himself being the chief corner stone (Ephesians 2:20). Jesus taught the apostles. The Church followed the apostles' doctrine.

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Lay members were not free to set, change or decide doctrinal TRUTH — but only to receive and believe it.

A day or two after the Church was founded Peter and John went up to the temple. At the Beautiful Gate entrance was a crippled beggar lame from birth. Peter being asked for alms took the cripple by the right hand, lifting him up, saying,

In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth (he up and walk (Acts 3:6). And he leaping up, stood, and walked and entered with them into the temple (verse 8).

The beggar was known to all. This miracle drew a huge crowd. Peter, explaining, preached to them about the resurrection of Jesus. He proclaimed the good news of the Kingdom, saying the heaven had received Jesus until the time of restoration of the churchments (as said by the scriptures) (Acts 3:20-21).

As Peter spoke the power of the Spirit came upon them and the Sadducees came upon them and

mediately for moral support and encouragement to . . . their own company . . . (Acts 4:23), the Church.

The Church . . . lifted up their voice to God with one accord (verse 24). And when they (the Church) had prayed, God answered by shaking the place where they were assembled, filling them with His Spirit, courage and power.

Another incident. The apostles had continued preaching, healing the sick and performing miracles. God added to the Church, but also the persecution grew. Peter again had been imprisoned. Steven had been stoned to death. In Acts 7:59 there was a great persecution against the church in Jerusalem, and they were all scattered abroad throughout the regions of Judaea and Samaria, except the apostles.

By the following Passover, persecution had mounted. About that time Herod the king stretched forth his hands to vex certain of the church. And he killed James the brother of John with the sword. And because he saw it pleased the Jews, he proceeded further to take Peter also (then were the days of unleavened bread). And when he had apprehended him, he put him in prison, intending after Passover to bring him forth to the people. Peter therefore was in prison (Acts 12:1-5).

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Why members called

Now came another example of how the Church received back of the apostles. Remember, the word apostle means "one sent forth." Jesus had given the great commission (Mark 16:7) and the apostles, the ones messenger/sent forth, were sent forth with the Gospel. They were called.

To support and encourage the apostles in getting out the Gospel message (as said in verse 2) developing in them God's holy righteous character (as qualifying them for places as kings and priests in the Kingdom). So here, one another's example showing how the Church supported the apostles (Acts 12:5).

But prayer was made without ceasing of the church unto Christ for him. Peter, the brethren stand by all 100 percent back of God's apostles.

What happened when the Church so unanimously prayed?

The same night Peter was sleeping between two soldiers bound with two chains, and the keepers before the door kept the prison. And behold the angel of the Lord came upon him, and a light shined in the prison, and he smote Peter on the side, and raised him up, saying, Arise up quickly. And his chains fell off from his hands (verse 6). And Peter followed the angel on the seven floors, page 111.

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came. He came unto his own, and his own received him not" (John 1:11).

First, before teaching or preaching His Gospel of the Kingdom, Jesus had to qualify to testify the government of truth and establish the Kingdom of God. He had to have the greatest victory over Satan's forces. Satan's gift was rejected 100 percent (John 8:12). And he was not to be deceived (Matthew 4:1-11).

He called and chose the disciples He trained to be His apostles.

Then He said, "Then art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell [the grave] shall not prevail against it. And I will give unto thee [His chief apostle] the keys of the Kingdom of Heaven, and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." (Matthew 16:18-19). Here Jesus was speaking to the man He had chosen, when He spoke of binding and loosing on earth the Church.

For His cause Jesus chose His apostles to be about the Kingdom of God.

Church members must qualify

The first Adam, in order to qualify to restore the earth, was given the keys of the Kingdom of God. Satan's ways were set up, and proved obedient to God. Adam failed.

Third, the second Adam had to qualify by overcoming Satan and proving loyalty to God and God's way. He got started!

Each one in the Church must also qualify in order to be in the CHRIST'S KINGDOM with Him! And he that overcometh [Satan] and keepeth my works unto the end, he will have power over the nations, and he shall rule them with a rod of iron (Revelation 2:26-27). Again, "To him that overcometh [Satan] will I grant to sit with me on my throne, even as I also overcame [Satan] and am set down with my Father on his throne" (Revelation 3:21).

I have shown that the whole world, except those specially called by God is cut off from God — cut off from access to Him who has eternal life to give. Now

concluded to the right hand of God in heaven.

Then, on the day of the Feast of Pentecost (Pentecost) A. D. 33, God sent the Holy Spirit in an amazing display, founding His Church!

The number of disciples who still believed after Jesus' 3 1/2 years of preaching was a mere 120 (Acts 1:15).

They were all of one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance (Acts 2:1-4).

I have purposely emphasized certain words in this scripture, because it was a one-time incident. It never occurred before. It never happens today. Modern Pentecost meetings and tongues speaking are emphatically not the same thing at all.

Notice carefully! First, they were all of one accord — some thing often not true today. Secondly, the Holy Spirit came incidentally — they did not work it up by emotionally shouting, as is usual in such meetings today. Thirdly, the Holy Spirit came with a sound — they heard it like a blast of a rushing mighty wind. No such thing occurs today. Fourthly, the Holy Spirit is here twice called "it" —

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the Holy Spirit that had struck straight in their hearts and had CALLED THEM!

Then they that gladly received his word were baptized, and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls (Acts 2:41).

And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine (verse 42). Now here the important point! They did not appoint among themselves a doctrinal committee to decide, intellectually, where they could believe. God's apostle GOD gave them the way

showed them into prison for the night.

Herod, however, Peter and John were brought before the rulers, elders, rulers of the High Priest and his family. Peter spoke briefly but boldly to them. They then threatened the apostles, forbidding them to teach any further about Christ and His Kingdom.

Mainly Peter and John, though now inspired by the Holy Spirit, were human, and naturally somewhat shaken up and frightened.

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mediately for moral support and encouragement to . . . their own company . . . (Acts 4:23), the Church.

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SEVEN PROOFS of THE TRUE CHURCH

(Continued from page 11) ... the chief cornerstone — the very head of the Church

The TEMPLE to which Christ will come

There has been much perplexity and discussion as to when the temple will be built to which Christ shall come.

Malachi's prophecy speaks of Christ's second coming to His temple (Malachi 3:1-6).

In Haggai's prophecy it is referred to prophetically as Zerubbabel had been sent as governor of a colony to build the second temple 70 years after destruction of

his bones. For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they shall be one flesh. This is a great mystery; but I speak concerning Christ and the church" (Ephesians 5:25-32).

The Church is made up of the many of Christ. More on that a little later. But the body presented to Christ will not be a dismembered body, with an arm, a leg or other parts being separated! It is ONE Church — fully framed together — not dismembered into many parts following many different men seeking to draw away disciples after them.

less — can reach more people by far than all of the first century apostles combined.

But this use of modern facilities in our day necessitates a considerable organization of people in various administrative capacities, beside evangelists, pastors and assistants, elders, deacons and deaconesses in local churches worldwide.

In Jesus' parable of the talents (Matthew 25), He pictured Himself as giving talents to various ones left here on earth while Jesus was in heaven.

"And unto one he gave five talents, to another two, and to

The apostle Paul had to correct the Corinthian church because they were following individual MEN: "Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing... and WHERE did the Church receive that one SAME THING they were all to believe? From THE APOSTLES! And the apostles received it from CHRIST. And Jesus Christ received it from GOD the Father! Continue... that there be no divisions among you, but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and same judgment" (1 Corinthians 1:10).

The apostle reproved them, saying, "... there are contentions among you" (verse 11).

"Now this I say, that every one of you saith, I am of Paul; and I of Apollos; and I of Cephas; and I of Christ" (verse 12). CHRIST IS NOT divided (verse 13).

The 'loner' Christian

What about the "loner" Christian, who says, "I will serve Christ in my own way"? What about the one who leaves God's Church — either to have his own private relation with Christ — to GET his own salvation — without GIVING his part of the Church effort in sending the true Gospel into ALL THE WORLD?

Or, what about the one who follows a MAN, because of that man's personality, charisma or attractiveness, or some other "group and crowd"?

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Jesus Christ is going to marry a number of differing groups, not in complete harmony with each other — yet all "professing Christ"?

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of the Church — or follows a man or some other group — is surely NOT BUILDING ON THE ONE TRUE FOUNDATION of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ being the chief cornerstone.

Again, "Unless God build the house, they labor in vain that build it..." (Psalm 127:1).

The Church is the HOUSEHOLD of God and a BUILDING — the glorious TEMPLE to which Christ shall come!

How well organized?

Notice again how well organized is the one true Church — for getting the GREAT COMMISSION to the whole world:

"In whom all the building fully framed together growth unto an holy temple in the Lord" (Ephesians 2:21). Again, "From whom the whole body fully joined together and compacted [pressed together, knit or drawn together, consolidated] by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part..." (Ephesians 4:16).

And He [Christ] gave some, apostles, and some, prophets, and some, evangelists, and some, pastors and teachers, for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ" (Ephesians 4:11-13).

The true Church of God has these offices as the living Christ put them in His Church.

A TITHING-paying Church

God's continuing original Church is also a tithing paying Church.

The Church receives that one same thing they all are commanded to believe! As stated before — even as the Church began (A.D. 31) did — from the APOSTLES who received the distinctive and unique message! "The Mystery of God under Peter, Paul and the first century apostles was a TITHING PAYING Church beside tithing offerings!"

Tithing started because Moses and the Old Testament Israel. It started with Abraham, before the slaughter of the kings gave the title of all to Melchizedek, priest of the Most High God (actually the one who became Christ). Write for the free reprint article "The Mystery of Melchizedek Solved."

Tithing to God — paying a 10th of one's increase — became a law in Old Testament Israel. After both Israel and Judah had gone into captivity and slavery the prophet Malachi writing about 430 B.C. (as one of the prophets who with the apostles and Christ formed the foundation of the Church, wrote prophecies concerning our time today: "With a man shall I fight: yet ye have robbed me. But ye say: Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes, and offerings! Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation" (Malachi 3:8-9). Both the

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not a number of scattered individuals.

God (law and way of life) may be summed up in the one word "LOVE" — which is overflowing the way of love — while Satan's way is that of GREED.

The one who tries to get his salvation apart from the one Church Christ is going to marry (in the "GAT" way) those who ally in the Church are casting of their prayers, by ally encouragement and support behind Christ's Church apostles in leaving the GAT way to the world — as only men!

In other words, he that seeks to get his own salvation without anyone else's part in the team effort

"Is Christ going to marry a number of differing groups, not in complete harmony with each other — yet all 'professing CHRIST'?"

Solomon's temple. He built the temple to which Jesus came though it had been enlarged and embellished by the Roman Herod. But speaking of this temple as a type and forerunner of the temple to which Christ shall come at His second coming it is written:

The glory of this latter house shall be greater than the former, saith the Lord of hosts, and in this place will I give peace, saith the Lord of hosts" (Haggai 2:9).

It is inconceivable that the Israelites in the present international turmoil over their possession of old Jerusalem could ever demolish the Arab Moslem Dome of the Rock — now standing on the site of Solomon's temple — and build a new one there of greater splendor and glory than Solomon's. However, as the second temple Zerubbabel's was building was typical forerunner of the temple to which Christ shall come even as Zerubbabel was the typical forerunner of one Christ would be in building the latter glorious temple to which Christ shall come in His return!

In Zechariah 4:9 The horns of Zerubbabel have laid the foundation of this house, his hands shall also finish it. And as Zerubbabel's hands did finish that second temple, so shall the one Christ use in building the temple to which He shall come in His glory!

And the Church of God of the present day shall be a building fully framed together (and) grow with down as they temple in the Lord" (Ephesians 2:21).

Church the Bride of Christ

The one and only true Church a spiritual organism well organized by Christ is the affianced Bride of Christ — to marry Christ, after His coming and after the resurrection and change of the Church into immortality.

In Ephesians 5 this is shown by analogy. Husbands love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church and gave himself for it, that he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word that He might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that it should be holy and without blemish... for we are members of his body, of his flesh, and of

This coming marriage is again referred to in II Corinthians 11:2.

"For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy for I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ."

The new covenant MARRIAGE will take place at Christ's coming in glory. And He said it was the voice of a great multitude, and as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of mighty thunderings, saying, ALL GLORY for the Lord (God omnipotent reigneth) let us be glad and rejoice, and give honor to him for the marriage of the Lamb [Christ] is come and his wife hath made herself ready" (Revelation 19:7).

It is enlightening at this point to remember Jesus came as "the messenger of the covenant" (Malachi 3:1). He came as the Messenger of the new covenant.

The old covenant was a contract entered into between the children of Israel and the Word who was to become Christ (the God of the Old Testament). It was a MARRIAGE covenant God proposed and Israel accepted (Leviticus 19:6 B). That marriage covenant also set up the kingdom of Israel as one of earth's nations.

The new covenant also will be a MARRIAGE covenant uniting the Church (now changed to again immortality in Christ). But this covenant also will set up the kingdom of God (using all nations with the government of God).

The old covenant was made with a carnal minded people on their promise to obey. The new covenant will be made with a Spirit begotten and Spirit born people who have ALREADY PROVED THEIR OBEDIENCE!

Modern facilities for mass communication today

The Church members, as a whole, are not called to go forth with the Gospel message — but to back up, help, support the apostle in carrying the message into all the world.

I mentioned that one apostle today with modern facilities for mass communication about the present press, radio, television, even the telephone by which one may reach another in any part of the world in a matter of minutes or

another one, to every man according to his several ability" (verse 13). These "talents" — pieces of money — symbolized spiritual gifts and measure of the Holy Spirit given each according to the natural ability of each.

The 12th chapter of I Corinthians reveals that there are various offices of administration in the Church — and that God gives various spiritual gifts for those various functions. The same various gifts, since God is consistent and never changes. He gives, through the Holy Spirit, special abilities, according to one's own natural abilities.

I have often talked about the fallacy of "fitting the square peg into the round hole" — to illustrate human failure because so many are NOT doing what by natural ability they are fitted best to do.

"Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit" (I Corinthians 12:4). All these various special talents abilities or aptitudes, though several, are all given by the same Holy Spirit. "And there are differences of administrations, but the same Lord. And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God that worketh all in all" (verses

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5:6). It is God working in us.

But all these worketh that one and the same Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will. For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body being many, are one body; so also is Christ. For by one Spirit are we all baptized unto one body" (verses 11-13).

But now are they many men, but yet but one body" (verse 20).

What about those who follow a man instead of the one Spirit? God says we are not to follow a man: "Paul said that... of your own selves shall you give judgment as ye think best" (Acts 20:30).

SEVEN PROOFS

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kingdom of Israel and the kingdom of Judah had long before been taken out of their land as slaves. A comparatively small contingent was sent back to Jerusalem, 70 years after Judah's captivity, by King Cyrus of Persia under governorship of Zerubbabel to build the second temple. Some of these Jews were still in Judea when Malachi wrote—but the two nations, as a whole composing ancient Israel, were not there. This was NOT MOSAIC LAW — this was PROPHECY for OUR DAY!

Malachi continued, "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove ye now herewith, saith the Eternal, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it." (verse 10)

That is NOT "Old Testament stuff" as God's true Church knows — and because it has

our knowledge, observes these festivals or knows their tremendous MEANING!

It has been stated before that as the physical creation of man began with the physical Adam, so the SPIRITUAL creation of man begins with the Spiritual Christ.

The first of these annual festivals is the Passover, observed on the eve of the 14th day of the first month of the sacred year. This is the year's most solemn service, on the anniversary, as a memorial, of the death of Christ, to reconcile those called to God.

This is immediately followed by the next seven days — the Festival of Unleavened Bread. All leaven must be put out of members' houses, and nothing leavened may be eaten. Leaven is a symbol of sin. It emphatically reminds God's called-out ones daily for seven days through the stomach that we must put sin out of our lives. Also it is a memorial, on the anniversary of Israel's exodus out of Egypt. Egypt also is

Festival No. 4 is the Feast of Trumpets, on the first day of the seventh month of the sacred calendar. The Feast of Trumpets pictures and reminds the Church yearly of the SECOND COMING of CHRIST to reign over all the earth.

Largest convention on earth

The fifth festival is the Day of Atonement, called in Jewish Judaism *Rosh Hashana* — a solemn fast day. No food may be eaten from sunset to sunset. It pictures to God's people the making of man AT-ONE-MENT with God. The world, cut off from God these 6,000 years, has been deceived and led by the god of this world, Satan. Jesus Christ qualified to replace the former Lucifer on the THRONE of the earth. When He comes AS KING of kings, Satan shall be degosed, bound, shut up (Revelation 20:3) for 1,000 years. Without Satan, who has "worked in the people of the world" (Ephesians 2:2), humanity at last may be made AT-ONE with the true Creator GOD!

— The sixth festival is the Feast of

called to repentance and ETERNAL LIFE.

Final fate of the incorrigible

There shall then be one more resurrection — of those who were called to salvation, but rejected it

tification, because a small number of professing Christian sects use the name. Yet the one and only original Church founded A.D. 31 by Jesus Christ most certainly will have the true NAME! God names things and people

"Those called into God's Church are now being judged. Others are not — YET!"

— the incorrigible wicked. They will be resurrected MORTAL to realize their fatal decision. They will be "cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death" (Revelation 20:14-15). This "lake of fire" is pictured by Peter in his second letter:

"This second epistle, beloved, I now write unto you; in both which I stir up your pure minds by way of remembrance: that ye may be mindful of the words which were spoken before by the holy prophets (Old Testament), and of the commandment of us the apostles (New Testament) of our Lord and Saviour: knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts, and saying, Where is the promise of his coming? (for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation

"For this they willingly are ignorant of, that by the Word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water, whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished. But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men.

But beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness, but is long-suffering to us ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, and the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up." (II Peter 3:1-10)

Malachi adds, of that final destruction of the willful rebellious into unconscious (Ecclesiastes 9:5) annihilation:

"For behold, the day cometh, that shall burn as an oven, and all

what they are. This is a basic principle. The "church in the wilderness" — the Old Testament Church (or congregation) was named the "congregation of Israel" because it was composed of the physically born children of Israel. The two-letter word of denotes ownership or origin.

The New Testament Church organized by Christ is called, 12 TIMES in the New Testament, "the church of God," some times with a modifying word or phrase, as, "the Church of God, which is at Corinth," or the "Churches of God in Judea." Today it is known as the Worldwide Church of God.

The English word church is translated from the Greek *ekklesia*, and the Greek word used in the original writing of the New Testament means, simply, a group, an assembly, etc., without specific reference to a church. At Ephesus, for example, the city council, political, was called an *ekklesia* with no religious connotation at all.

The ONLY FACTOR that makes the word church sacred is when called the Church of GOD. In other words, the group, congregation, assembly, church, that is connected with it that lends sanctity to the name.

For example, the name "Roman Catholic Church" means a universal (catholic) church of Rome. The "Lutheran Church" is that group or body of people following or established by Luther. The Methodist Church means (in its name) a group or body of people following a certain method. The "Baptist Church" by name means a group or combination of groups who believe in baptizing and follow John the Baptist. The "Congregational Church" simply implies a group of people who believe the lay people ought to have the authority. The name "Presbyterian Church" means an associated group who believe the "presbytery" or officiating clergy have the authority.

The name "Church of God" means that group of "called-out ones" called out from this world, who look to God as the authority and give them it from God through Christ, through (on the human level) apostles chosen by Christ, not elected by the people!

So there is vital MEANING to the name of the true Church. And the name is IMPORTANT!

In Jesus' last prayer to God before being crucified, He prayed, "I have manifested thy name unto the men which thou gavest me out of the world: And now, come to thee, Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, that they may be ONE, as we are. While I was with them in the world, I kept them in thy name

" (John 17:6, 11-12). (To be concluded next issue.)

"The ONLY FACTOR that makes the word church sacred is when called the Church of GOD — in other words, the group, congregation, assembly or church that BELONGS TO GOD. It is GOD'S name connected with it that lends sanctity to the name."

It has had God's blessing and prosperity.

Speaking of tithes, Jesus said, "It is more to be desired that ye should give to God, than that ye should receive." (Matthew 23:23) Hebrews 7:4-12 binds tithing in the New Testament. I Corinthians 9:1-14 declares tithing the principle of tithing and tithing.

Knowledge of God's master plan

All the religions and of all the denominations and sects in Christianity, God's true Church alone has understanding of the master plan of God for His spiritual creation of man. This is knowledge, renewed every year in the Church by the seven annual Holy Days and festivals Christ instituted in the Church.

Small as the Church is in numbers, Jesus spoke of it as the "little flock" and said that as they had persecuted Him so would they His Church. "I will send the Church's great annual autumnal Feast of Tabernacles in the truest church can have, 'convention of festival held on earth'.

As God made the weekly Sabbath for man (Mark 2:27) when man was made, so He gave His Church seven annual Sabbaths and seven annual festivals when He first established the Church. In Acts 2, you will find the Old Testament congregation of Israel, the church in the wilderness. It was composed of the human born, children of Israel — the Church of the New Testament is composed of the begotten children of God. As the Old Testament church was called the congregation of Israel, with the New Testament Church is called the Church of God.

To the Church, both Old Testament under Moses and New Testament under Christ, God gave these annual occasions to emphatically remind His people, annually of His master plan.

No other church or religion, to

symbol of sin — and Israel was taken out of her land as slaves, as He delivered His people today from the bondage of sin. There are two annual Holy Days in this Festival — the first and the last of the seven.

The third annual festival is the Feast of Trumpets, called in the New Testament of the Bible "Penitence" because this is the one set apart time of year when the Church annually to calculate the proper day. It is 50 days counted beginning on the morning after the weekly Sabbath which occurs during the Feast of Unleavened Bread. Penitence is simply the Greek "to come." This pictures the coming and infilling of the Holy Spirit begetting the firstfruits, those relative just few called to spiritual salvation. The Holy Spirit came on the very 50th day.

The first time the Holy Spirit was given to a group which formed the Church of God. This annual festive occasion reminds God's people yearly that they are merely the first to be called to spiritual salvation — that the world, except the few called, is cut off from God — neither "saved" nor lost, "not yet called." Therefore, not yet judged.

Another incidental proof of the identity of the one true Church is the knowledge that with the foundation of the Church had God "the time is come that it must needs be given in the house of God." Those called into God's Church are now being judged. Others are not — YET!

These annual festivals are truth around the annual harvest seasons in Jerusalem. The first three parties, the early grain harvest, typical of the first early spiritual harvest in the conversion of man. The last four correspond to the final great autumnal harvest. They all come in the seventh sacred month.

Tabernacles — a seven day festival with the first day the sixth annual Holy Day. This is followed by an eight day, a one day Holy Day, making in all an eight day festival.

This pictures the millennium reign of the kingdom of Christ, ruling all nations for 1,000 years. During this millennium, all living will be called to repentance and both spiritual and eternal salvation with the reigning CHRIST — with no Satan to overcome. More of the details of this time will be given under phase No. 7 to follow.

The seventh and final Holy Day begins at sunset just as the Feast of Tabernacles is ending. As stated earlier, small though the Worldwide Church of God be in numbers, this is the largest convention or convocation held annually on earth — with festival sites all over the world.

When the millennium shall be called

The final eighth day (the seventh festival), brings to mind again every year what is in God a

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master plan for the millions of people who have lived and died since Adam — CUT OFF from God — "judged" — neither "lost" nor yet "saved."

They will be resurrected after the millennium in a special resurrection (Revelation 20:11-13). This is also described in Ezekiel's prophecy of the "valley of dry bones" (Ezekiel 37). All present ones, un-called will be resurrected mortal, and with the 7,000 years of humanity past, will face up with what their experience in sin really proved. All then will be

the proud year and all that do wickedly shall be stubble and the day that cometh shall burn them up, saith the Lord of hosts, that it shall leave them neither root nor branch, for they shall be ashes under the soles of your feet in the day that I shall do this, saith the Lord of hosts" (Malachi 4:1-3).

The NAME of the true Church

The NAME of God's true Church is important — but not alone the exclusive proof of iden-

LOCAL CHURCH NEWS

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

The new congregation in FLORENCE, S.C., came into being Sept. 10, opening services with the hymn, "How Excellent Is Thy Name," led by Jim Peoples, the church's pastor. Mr. Peoples also delivered the inaugural sermon to the about 120 brethren attending Charles B. Edwards.

A week earlier, Sept. 23, was the inaugural meeting of the new church in FRANKSTON, Australia, near Melbourne. Rod Frankon, pastor of Melbourne South as well as Frankston, and the two churches would work closely together until Frankston was able to stand on her own two feet early next year. Rod Pulls gave the sermon, his first, followed by the sermon by Mr. Frankon. Nearly 100 people attended the service, with about 20 expected to attend regularly. *Tom J. Loeff*

The six fortnightly meetings in Cheltenham, England, sponsored in part by members of the nearby GLOUCESTER church, have come to an end. Having attracted about 50 people, some who wish to learn more about the Church. Follow-up Bible studies have been arranged. Much of the money for the campaign series came from gifts made by Church members and sold in Birmingham by Elizabeth Nicholls, Edward Aarons.

The combined churches of KLAMATH FALLS and MEDFORD, Ore., observed the Feast of Trumpets at the Farringtons in Grants Pass, Ore., with services being conducted by Susan Seagall and Fred Davis. The ministers also ordained Mr. and Mrs. George Newton as deacon and deaconess for the Klamath Falls church and Mr. and Mrs. Ted Burge as deacon and deaconess for the Medford church. *Roy McInnes*

Members of the EXETER, England, church took their first visit to the Franklyn Homes for handicapped and backward children Oct. 28, planning to return on a fortnightly basis to visit with the children. *Tom J. Loeff*

A 11 mile canoe trip down the Alde River east of Longport was enjoyed by members of the ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. church Oct. 29. The brethren had a pleasurable autumn day swimming, eating, and diving from the punting ropes suspended from the overhanging trees. *Tom J. Loeff*

Brethren from four churches gathered Nov. 5 at the Northridge, Calif., home of Sallie Toms to bid farewell to Bill Quillen and his wife Lois. The Quillens are moving to Missouri, Mo., where Mr. Quillen will be regional pastor for eight churches in Missouri and Idaho. He has been pastor of the GLENDALE, Calif., church for several years, which at one time included brethren who now attend the Redondo, Los Angeles and Pasadena churches.

After enjoying the barbecued leg-of-lamb dinner, most of the group adjourned to the Reseda Masonic Lodge, where other brethren from the combined church areas were in the process of celebrating a belated wedding reception given by Mildred McFarlane of Reseda for her son Gene and his new bride, the former Elaine Woods of Glendale. They were married in Las Vegas, Nev., in October. *Sallie Toms*

About 60 ATHENS, Ga., members attended the first in a series of classes Nov. 11 on a survey of the Old Testament, taught by pastor Jim Frank. The first 16 classes will run through June and cover the first five books of the Old Testament. *Darke Wilson*

CLUB MEETINGS

THE KIAMATH FALLS, Ore., church organized its first Spokesman Club Oct. 7, having previously combined with the Medford Spokesman. Officers are George Newton, president, Roy Man



CLUB DIRECTOR — Don Traynor, director of the Philadelphia, Pa., Spokesman Club, explains the club format at a meeting Nov. 5. (See "Club Meetings," this page.)

ley, vice president, Dwayne Gates, secretary, Samuel Gates, treasurer, and Harold Feathers, sergeant at arms. Local elder, Edm Russell is the club's director under minister Fred Davis. *Roy McInnes*

The Ladies' Club of the HAMILTON, Bermuda, church sponsored a pre Y.O.U. party the afternoon of Nov. 12 at the Southampton Glebe School. Eleven club members and 24 young people attended enjoying all sorts of games and refreshments. Prizes, ribbons and party baskets filled with nuts, meats and cakes were presented to all the young people at the end of the day for their enthusiastic participation. *Sandra Christbridge*

The RH HMOND, Va., Ladies Club netted more than \$350 at a one day charity bazaar Oct. 23 at a shopping mall on

Richmond. Weeks prior to the bazaar the women met in informal workshops at club members' homes to work on the hand-made items — Barbie Doll clothes, bookmarks, place mats, stuffed animals, a quilt and many other crafts. Baked goods and many plants were also sold at the bazaar, which was directed by Pipet Ely. *Kathy Greer*

Members of the PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Spokesman Club, Women's Club and the Y.O.U. chapter met Nov. 5 at the Treadway Motel Lodge for the first of their monthly potluck meetings, a family activity. The club's regular meetings are scheduled throughout the month.

Don Traynor, assistant pastor Carlos Perkins and director of the Spokesman Club explained the club format, stressing the potential the club offers in developing character essential for success in both private and occupational life.

The Women's Club, presided over by Ruth Perkins, focused on Ecclesiastes 9:10 as a means of attaining the club's objective, which is to praise God through club activities.

Cheryl Satterfield, guest speaker and a former Ambassador College student, addressed the Y.O.U. members on the subject of appreciation. Members also viewed a motion picture followed by a discussion led by Mr. Perkins contrasting biblical education to man's theory of evolution. *Tom Wagner*

SENIOR ACTIVITIES

During the Fall Festival in the LAKE OF THE OZARKS, Mo., 259 senior citizens of the Church met at the Fountain restaurant to enjoy a fried chicken dinner and hear guest speaker Dean Blackwell.

Mr. Blackwell exhorted the seniors to be active in Outreach and to be a "stable influence" in encouraging others. "Senior citizens are appreciated for their ability to draw from life experiences and teach others," said Mr. Blackwell, adding that they can also follow the example of Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong, who doesn't believe in retiring.

Jess McClain, director of the Springfield, Mo., 60 Plus Club, awarded \$20 each to Eric Tallon of the Reola, Mo., church, the most longtime member present, Nova Wansmaker, 92 of the Iowa City, Iowa, church, the oldest woman present, and Dr. H. J. Rogers, 89, of the Springfield, Mo., church, the oldest man present. *Patricia Rose*

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Club Scout Pack No. 332 of the

MILWAUKEE, Wis., church held its annual Family night blue gold potluck dinner Sept. 25, with guest speaker Mike Hanisko, pastor of the church, speaking on commitment and following through. The club's special project for the evening was drawing pictures reflecting their feelings about pollution. Leslie Britt was awarded first prize. Badges were awarded to the following clubs who fulfilled the requirements for a specific category: Mike Roth, Steve Roth, Pat O'Halloran, Mike Kagger, Leslie Britt, Randy Kubler, Cole Smeech, Bob Parker, Jimmy Parker, Nathan Kitts, Chuck Schultz, Mark Vavra and Kenny Menell, who also received the "Arrow of Light" award, which is the highest award a club scout can receive. *Dianne Thompson*



BITS AND PIECES — W.L. Bailey of Sterling, Okla., displays the prizes he won for his creation, exhibited at the arts and crafts show at the Feast of Tabernacles in Big Sandy, Tex. Mr. Bailey mounted a wagon wheel to a plow disc, both more than 50 years old and welded on the wheel rim. Other bits and pieces of antique farm tools, plow parts, wagon and buggy parts, and Model T motor Model A parts that he has saved for many years. His creation was awarded first in its class, first in the art show and most unusual exhibit at the Festival.

The MURFREESBORO, Tenn., Y.O.U. chapter played host to a Saturday night cookout and water coast at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Whaley Nov. 4, with a parade preceding the affair. Some 60 adults, teens and youngsters enjoyed the ride on the flatbed wagons to the hot blaring fire that warmed things up as the sun went down. *Ferron Corbin*

SPORTS

Volleyball and softball tournaments at the Feast of Tabernacles in FRESNO, Calif., were directed by Dan Urban, pastor of the Bakerfield, Calif., church. Eddie Garcia coordinated the volleyball action and Greg Guy the softball. Winning the gold volleyball tournament was Bakerfield, followed by Santa Barbara, Calif., in second place. Visalia, Calif., won first place in the women's volleyball tournament with Santa Barbara placing second. The men's softball tournament was also won by a team from the Bakerfield church and the Salt Lake City Utah team placed second. *Emma E. Gray*

In a town in ATHENS, Ga., on Nov. 5, the Athens Ga. volleyball team triumphed, the Atlanta and Chattanooga teams to win the district title in double elimination play offs. Erexia Houghton of the Athens team won most valuable player award for the district. Named to the all district team were Kim White and Jan

'LOCAL CHURCH NEWS' DEADLINES

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Collins of Chattanooga. The Dec. 10 number and Tracy's winner of Atlanta and Ekberg Camp, Susan Clappeter, Elexia Houghton and Cindy Norris of Athens. The Chattanooga team received the sportsmanship award. *Tommy Wilson*

Director of the Central Lakes region held its volleyball tournament in KALAMAZOO, Mich., Nov. 5, winning the championship was the Kalamazoo team, followed by Michigan City and Fort Wayne, Ind. The all tournament team consists of Norma C. All of Fort Wayne, Amy Albertson and Erica Houlderson of Michigan City and Patty Smith, Sonya Chace and Robin Rishaker of Kalamazoo. Alternate was Rhonda Hoffman. Pats Smith was the officials' choice for most valuable player and the Michigan City team won the sportsmanship trophy award.

Prize in the Kalamazoo tournament, the Y.O.U. members of District 63 sponsored a volleyball exhibition by members of the Western Michigan University varsity volleyball team and their coach, Rob Busby. Mr. Busby has trained some expert Olympic volleyball players and has studied the sport in the Soviet Union. He began the evening by showing a film "Olympics '76" which included an 18 minute high point summary of the 1976 competition in Montreal, Que. Then the WMU team demonstrated some of the techniques and "Q's" and answered questions from the audience. *Maud Kiser*

Article series on religion describes Church beliefs

ST. CLEMENT in Channel Islands — When Bob Bosaker, pastor of the church here, saw a series of articles on religious groups in the Jersey Evening Post, he called the journalist writing the series, Roy McLoughlin. Did he want to know about the Worldwide Church of God? He was interested.

Members of the Church here on Jersey, the largest of the Channel Islands, meet once a month in Caldwell Hall with Mr. Bosaker, who is stationed in Braker Wood, England. Including the children the congregation numbers about 20.

Mr. and Mrs. McLoughlin attended two Sabbath services asking questions each time, and interviewed Roy Fox, a deacon in the church here.

The article, entitled "The Worldwide Church, and a belief in the 'plain truth,'" appeared in the June 13 edition of the Post. The article refers to the growth of Herbert W. Armstrong's radio ministry in the early '30s into its present form

today. Sabbath observance and the Holy Days are explained as well as why the Church does not celebrate traditional Christian holidays.

Mr. McLoughlin's conclusion, which did not appear in the printed version because of lack of space, was: "The laws of God applied to every human situation, as Roy Fox explained. They applied to marriage, bringing up children, social life, earning a living, employer's relations with employees and all other matters. Ignoring the laws led to the ill that befell mankind."

That is why the Worldwide Church congregation at Caldwell Hall in St. Clement believes that obedience to the will of God is fundamental to their way of life. They may not recognize Good Friday, and Easter Sunday but they commemorate the Last Supper. And even as Jesus washed the feet of His disciples nearly 2,000 years ago, so do members of the Church now perform the same act of humility and brotherhood.



ORDINATIONS — Bert Wyland, left, a deacon in the Portland (Ore.) West church, was ordained local elder during services on the Feast of Trumpets. The following Sabbath, Oct. 7, right photo, from left, Chris Anderson, Ruth Oliver, Ruth Nichols, AnneMarie Marson, Jan Gresham and Glen McCormick, all members of the Portland West church, were ordained deacons and deaconesses. (Photos by Elroy Farah)

NEWS OF PEOPLE, PLACES, EVENTS IN THE WORLDWIDE CHURCH OF GOD

PASADENA — Herbert W. Armstrong and his assistant, Stanley Rader, are scheduled to depart for a two-week trip to the Middle East Dec. 10 or 11.

We expect it to be a very important occasion because it will commemorate the end of 10 years of an inclusion in one project after another and the beginning of a new decade, said Mr. Rader.

It was on Dec. 1, 1968, that Mr. Armstrong first met with the then president of Israel, Dr. Zalman Shazar, and agreed that the Work would continue as what has turned out to be a 10-year association.

Mr. Armstrong and his party had hoped to spend 14 days on the trip according to Mr. Rader, but found it impossible. Plans now call for the entire trip to be spent in Israel.

Four members of *The World To Mourn* television crew will be on hand to film the trip for use in Mr. Armstrong's television and film programming.

PASADENA — Since the Feast of Tabernacles nearly 20,000 copies of Herbert W. Armstrong's book *The Incredible Human Potential* have been requested by the co-workers and members, according to Richard Rice, director of the Work's Mail Processing Center.

Co-workers responsible for an order of one free book per household has been exceptional, he said. In just two weeks 27 percent of all co-workers have requested the book.

PASADENA — According to treasurer Stanley Rader he had the chance of the last time to play with the new Herbert W. Armstrong's book *The Incredible Human Potential* on someone else's television program.

Mr. Rader was interviewed recently by Michael Jackson, a talking show host on a Los Angeles California public television channel. His program (Tuesday, Dec. 26, 6:30 p.m.) and Wednesday, Dec. 27, 11:22 noon.

It was interesting because I was able to see that for the first time there is much more unity in what we believe and what we are saying and what we are doing and what we believe, said Mr. Rader.

During the program host Mr. Jackson asked Mr. Rader, "Just what is man? What is man's purpose?" Mr. Rader's reply was, "I'm not going to be able to answer that in the little bit of time that we have left, but it just so happens one of the books that I gave you tells the whole story."

Mr. Rader held up *The Incredible Human Potential* and said, "It has the answer to everything that you intended to ask in the question, and even that which perhaps you hadn't thought about."

PASADENA — Treasurer Stanley Rader was the guest speaker at the Nov. 8 meeting of the Sabbath of Ministers' Club here.

The meeting was conducted by attorney M. J. O'Connell, president of the club. One of the main purposes of the club is to help the ministry become acquainted with many of the men fulfilling key roles at headquarters.

Mr. Rader began his 15-minute address by reminding the ministers of the heavy responsibility of the ministry and concluded by saying a common theme is that of successful people is success.

PASADENA — Seminars aimed at helping Church members and the public to understand the problems of alcoholism will be held in a number of cities in the coming year, according to Dale Hamilton, director of the alcoholism section of the Work's Human Potential Center.

According to Mr. Hamilton seminars will be conducted in Dallas and Fort Worth, Tex. (Jan. 20, 21); Atlanta, Ga. (Jan. 27, 28); Nashville, Tenn. (Feb. 17, 18); Washington, D.C. (Feb. 24, 25); Los Angeles, Calif. (Mar. 1, 2); Cincinnati, Ohio (Mar. 24, 25); Sacramento, Calif. (Mar. 29, 30); Seattle, Wash. (April 21, 22); Pasadena, April 28, 29; Denver, Colo. (May 19, 20); Milwaukee, Wis. (May 26, 27); Minneapolis, Minn. (May 26, 27); June 15, 16; Sacramento, Calif. (June 9, 10).

PASADENA — Good things are still happening with the *Plain Truth* program, according to Roger Ippovitis, director of Publishing Services.

We have been consistently in 70



AMBASSADOR ENTERTAINMENT — Jennifer Stokes, left, and other members of the Young Ambassadors singing group, right, perform at the Queen's Breakfast Nov. 21, in the Pasadena Huntington Sheraton Hotel, an annual event sponsored by the Pasadena Junior Chamber of Commerce to honor each year's Rose Parade queen and court. The group provided entertainment for 800 Pasadena civic and business leaders. (Photos by Scott Asfley.)

outlets that we pay for on the basis of their total worth to us as far as the cost per response goes," said Mr. Ippovitis. For example, the money saved by just using the shape and size of free space will allow us to print nearly 150,000 magazines per year, and at the same time give us greater distribution.

Mr. Ippovitis also said that now that the Work is known by the distributors and the business community, they are coming in offering their services for free. They see that the public wants our magazine which in turn gives them more business by bringing the public into their shops and other stands.

PASADENA — About 94,000 people have been added to the Work's mailing list as a result of recent mailings of *Plain Truth* consumer lists for *The Modern Roman* booklet, according to Richard Rice, director of the Mail Processing Center here.

Of that number, 15,000 have already become *Plain Truth* subscribers and 2,500 have begun to take the Correspondence Course.

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Over 50 east-central region ministers and their wives met for three days of meetings Nov. 14-16 with C. Wayne Cole, director of Church Administration, and Burt McNeil, Charlotte, N.C., as coordinators, in an invitational symposium area near Boone, N.C. Mr. Cole and his wife, though thoughtfully engaged being able to spend time with his ministers, and their families, in a casual and

relaxing atmosphere. Following the meetings the Cole's were guests in the home of the McNeils (On Sabbath, Nov. 18, Mr. Cole spoke to the Charlotte congregation before returning to Pasadena).

PASADENA — Elizabeth Helen Meredith and Stanley William Maerly were united in marriage Nov. 21. The bride was given away by her father, Dr. Rudolph C. Meredith, dean of faculty of Ambassador College. Dr. Meredith also performed the

ceremony in the Ambassador College Recital Hall.

The bride was attended by Carolyn Egbert, her maid of honor, and Hedy Terzino and Michelle Baumgarten, bridesmaids. The groom's best man was Bobby Boyce. Stan McNeil and Joe Brown were groomsmen. The bride's father, Michael Meredith, and Fred Whipple served as ushers.

A reception followed the church ceremony. The couple now resides at 3221 Altuna, Box 207, La Graciosa, Calif. 92114.

A letter to Mr. Armstrong

Herbert W. Armstrong is quoted as follows: *The following letter printed here in the interest of your members.*

Dear Mr. Armstrong: I want to encourage you at a time when so many of our people are seemingly leaving God's Church that the good solid truth of where God's real Church is and who are God's real ministers and who is God's apostle in this end time will eventually win out.

When I read of the one leaving God's Church, I ask myself, "Where to? Who else is God's apostle? Where else is God's Church doing God's Work?"

Please never blame yourself for this in your grief over your son. I heard him when he still spoke his own mind as he did at the end of each broadcast. You had written the *Plain Truth* Bible (over 100,000 copies) in *Prophecy*. *Prophecy Unveiled* at last, the Sabbath booklets, etc. Garner led me up your road and God's instrument.

I was immediately called and responded. You had a job to do overseas. It meant leaving responsibility in the hands of one you believed (by the fruits of the *unconquered* do right). A lot of people came into the Church since that time of 1972 on. They heard a new sound on things. They

never knew you that well — some never heard you at all on radio. They never got their roots into firm ground, so to speak. So now they read about the split between you and GTA and read spiced news copy. They get confused and some tend to walk with the snake they just heard of. (GTA)

As the end times grow, it will all come out in the wash. God is more than fair in judging all of us for what we had to begin with. This error in leaving will be apparent to them when tribulation begins. At least let's hope so.

I never joined this Church because of numbers of people in fact. I never joined to begin with. But thank fully with God's help I am here. I am today. And thank to you and your loyal ministers this Work will somehow be done — and done well. We just have to keep vision — including a more and more effective witness to this dying society. The "true message" — always the same — will be, will be doing a pretty fair share. I imagine. I plan to be right there as I am today, and hopefully a bit more converted as time goes by. Let us all hang in there! Keep giving us what we need and God will certainly guide you and your ministers as always! We never entered a paper's content anyway, did we?!


With much respect to Christian love, Chuck (Arthur) Eason, Ambassador Church, November 1978.



PASADENA WEDDING — Ambassador College dean of security Dr. Rudolph Meredith prepares to take his daughter Elizabeth down the aisle, left, at her Nov. 21 wedding in the Ambassador College Recital Hall. Right: Stan and her husband, Stanley Maerly, celebrate with a bite of wedding cake after the ceremony. (See "Update," this page.) (Photos by Scott Asfley.)

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